

Global UCF Programs

Global Achievement Academy – University Integration (GAA-UI)

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The Global Achievement Academy – University Integration (GAA-UI) is an academic and cultural transition program that prepares international students for academic success and provides them a firsthand understanding of the UCF campus and life in an American university. The two-semester program is designed for international students seeking to complete the first year of their undergraduate degree. Flexibility to select from a variety of courses allows students to customize their education to their personal interests and career goals. Students may enter the program in the Fall, Spring, or Summer. Upon successful completion of the program, students progress into year two of their undergraduate degree at UCF.

Admission Requirements

- Successful completion of secondary school with minimum academic assessment equivalent to USA high school graduation of year 12 with a 2.5 GPA.
- English proficiency test scores equivalent to TOEFL iBT® 80, IELTS 6.5.

Program Requirements

- An academic English assessment test, which provides useful information about a student's knowledge in the areas of reading comprehension and writing (sentence) skills is required for all Global UCF students. The results of the assessment are used to determine placement into the appropriate college course and program of study that meets a student's skill level. Students whose test scores do not meet the criteria for their intended program of study will not be able to enroll in that program, but will be offered advice on suitable alternative options, which may or may not include enrolling in another program of study.
- The UCF Math Placement Test (MPT) will be administered to determine placement into the mathematics course sequence.
- Students will be placed in program tracks, according to their intended undergraduate degree major.

1. Global UCF Program Requirements (3-6 hrs)

A: Transition Foundations (3 hrs)
SLS 1501: College Strategies for Success 3

B: Academic English Foundations (3 hrs)
EAP 2851: English for Academic Purposes II 3

2. UCF General Education Program (GEP)† (12 hrs of 36)

A: Communication Foundations (6 of 9)
ENC 1101: English Composition I (GRW) 3
SPC 1603: Fundamentals of Technical Presentations 3

B: Mathematical Foundations (3 of 6)
▼ Choose one class from C1* or C2, according to MPT and major. 3
*Some courses from Group C1 require PR(s) or an appropriate score on the MPT.

C: Science Foundations (3 of 6)
▼ Choose one class from E1 or E2 3

3. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP) (6 hrs)

- Students will develop an academic plan with their advisor to select classes that will meet the major requirements according to the course of study listed in their chosen Degree Program found in the UCF Undergraduate Catalog.
▼ Choose one class from CPP according to major 3
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4. Additional Requirements

- Students must complete academic support hours according to their academic standing and program.

5. Progression Requirements

- A 2.5 cumulative UCF GPA.
- Attendance to classes, academic support hours, and signature student experiences.
- SAT/ACT (no minimum score required), if not taken prior to Global UCF admission. If test scores are available, submit official scores (UCF SAT Code: 5233) or (UCF ACT Code: 0735).
- TOEFL/IELTS, if not taken prior to Global UCF admission. If test scores are available, submit scores (UCF TOEFL Code: 5233).

Transfer Notes

- Students with post-secondary college credits applying to Global UCF are subject to additional requirements. Coursework transferred from international, non-American institutions, will need to be officially evaluated through one of the UCF approved NACES companies: World Education Services (wes.org) or Josef Silny & Associates (jsilny.com). Students submitting international post-secondary school (university) credentials must order course-by-course evaluations. More information can be found via the Transfer & Transition Services at transfer.sdes.ucf.edu/credits.
- Nondisclosure of post-secondary college credits may disqualify students from the ability to matriculate into the university and lead to possible student conduct violation.
- A 2.0 overall GPA for students with post-secondary college credits is required for progression to the second year at UCF.

Total Credits Hours

- 21 credit hours minimum

Academic Advising

- Global UCF requires all students in the program to meet with their advisor regularly for all academic issues.

Sample Plan of Study - Business Track*

Freshman Year – Fall (12-13 hrs)

SLS 1501: College Strategies for Success, Study Skills 3
EAP 2851: English for Academic Purposes II 3
SPC 1603: Fundamentals of Technical Presentations 3
▼ Choose one class from C1*, according to MPT and major. 3-4

Freshman Year – Spring (12-14 hrs)

ENC 1101: English Composition I 3
▼ Choose one class from E1 or E2 3
▼ Choose one class from CPP according to major 3-4
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Program Notes

- †Information on the UCF General Education Program (GEP) and courses in each of the numbered areas can be found at catalog.ucf.edu/policies/gep.

*Pending SEVP Approval