



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

KEY STRATEGIC PLANNING ELEMENTS & METRICS

University of Central Florida Mission

UCF is a public research university invested in unleashing the potential within every individual, enriching the human experience through inclusion, discovery and innovation, and propelling broad-based prosperity for the many communities we serve.

2022–27 Strategic Plan: Unleashing Potential

Amplifying the power of knowledge and discovery, the University of Central Florida unleashes the potential of our students, faculty, staff, and community. As a next-generation public research institution, we are an inclusive community of thinkers, doers, creators, innovators, healers, and leaders striving to shape the future and solve the world’s most challenging problems. (<https://www.ucf.edu/unleashing-potential/>)

Performance-Based Funding Metrics

	2023		2024		2025	
	Value	Score	Value	Score	Value	Score
Bachelor’s graduates employed/continuing after 1 year	65.9%	5	70.3%	6	70.9%	6
Median wages of bachelor’s graduates after 1 year	\$45,900	10	\$50,500	10	\$51,300	10
Net tuition and fees per 120 credit hours	-\$370	10	\$3,230	10	\$2,250	10
FTIC 4-year graduation rate	54.8%	6	54.2%	6	58.7%	7
Academic progress rate	91.5%	10	91.1%	10	91.5%	10
Bachelor’s degrees awarded in strategic emphasis areas	55.3%	10	54.6%	10	54.7%	10
University access rate	35.7%	8	34.7%	8	33.7%	7
Graduate degrees awarded in strategic emphasis areas	56.0%	8	60.3%	10	60.5%	10
FCS AA transfer 2-year graduation rate	54.1%	1	50.9%	1	52.4%	1
Pell student 6-year graduation rate	70.8%	3	71.7%	3	76.1%	4
Bachelor’s degrees awarded to African American/Hispanic students	41.2%	10	40.6%	10	40.8%	10

Source: <https://analytics.ucf.edu/performance/performance-based-funding/>

Preeminence Metrics

	2023	2024	2025	BENCHMARK
Average GPA and SAT score	4.2 / 1319	4.2 / 1317	4.2 / 1324	4.0 / 1200
Public university national ranking (number in top 50)	4	3	3	2
Freshman retention rate	93.0%	92.0%	92.0%	90.0%
Four-year graduation rate	55.0%	54.0%	59.0%	60.0%
National Academy memberships	8	8	8	6
Total research expenditures	\$186M	\$247M	\$285M	\$200M
Nonmedical science and engineering research expenditures	\$171M	\$201M	\$224M	\$150M
Top 100 ranking in 8 broad discipline STEM research expenditures	6 of 8	6 of 8	5 of 8	5 of 8
Patents awarded (over 3-year period)	169	173	189	100
Doctoral degrees awarded annually	603	553	510	400
Number of postdoctoral appointees	162	149	218	200
Endowment size	\$215M	\$229M	\$255M	\$500M
Science and engineering research expenditures	-	\$218M	\$251M	\$50M

Source: <https://analytics.ucf.edu/performance/preeminence/>

Gold shading indicates metric benchmark met

University of Central Florida Peer Institutions

Operational Peers

Institution	City	State
Arizona State University	Tempe	AZ
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
George Mason University	Fairfax	VA
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College	Baton Rouge	LA
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	Raleigh	NC
Portland State University	Portland	OR
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
University of Houston	Houston	TX
University of Kansas	Lawrence	KS
University of Missouri-Columbia	Columbia	MO
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	NC
University of South Carolina-Columbia	Columbia	SC
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL

University Innovation Alliance (UIA) Peers

Institution	City	State
Arizona State University	Tempe	AZ
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI
North Carolina A & T State University	Greensboro	NC
Oregon State University	Corvallis	OR
Purdue University-Main Campus	West Lafayette	IN
Temple University	Philadelphia	PA
University at Buffalo	Buffalo	NY
University of California-Riverside	Riverside	CA
University of Colorado Denver	Denver	CO
University of Illinois Chicago	Chicago	IL
University of Maryland-Baltimore County	Baltimore	MD
University of Massachusetts-Amherst	Amherst	MA
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	Albuquerque	NM
University of South Carolina-Columbia	Columbia	SC
University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA

State University System of Florida Peers

Institution	City	State
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	FL
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
New College of Florida	Sarasota	FL
University of Florida	Gainesville	FL
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	FL
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL
University of West Florida	Pensacola	FL