



2026-2027 Legislative Budget Request

Ten Percent Reduction Exercise

In preparation for the 2026-2027 LBR submission to the Legislature and the Governor, all state agencies were asked to identify the programs and/or services that would be eliminated or reduced if a 10% budget reduction is enacted for FY 2026-2027. This is a recurring request.

For the State University System, the total amount of reductions is estimated to be **\$416 million**. Each institution was allocated a proportionate amount of the total reduction based on its recurring general revenue and lottery appropriations for FY 2025-2026. This amount includes reductions for student financial assistance and special units, such as medical schools and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS).

The universities have identified various reduction proposals, and the following are some examples:

- Reduce purchasing, faculty and administrative hiring and retention efforts, and severely restrict travel
- Eliminate both academic and non-academic positions, making it difficult to maintain faculty-to-student ratios
- Reduce services and programs offered to students, such as the number of classes offered, available advisors, and support services offered
- Reduce marketing strategies and outreach initiatives
- Increase faculty workload and the probability of courses being taught by adjuncts
- Restrict the use of outside legal counsel and eliminate professional development opportunities
- Reduce need-based student financial aid, reduce student retention and graduation rates, and increase student debt
- Reduce maintenance of fundamental IT systems and overall data security and stability
- Reduce library resources that faculty and students use for research and study
- Increase deferred maintenance and scale back campus security
- Reduce medical research activities and medical and physician assistant student research opportunities and exposure
- Reduce operations, initial and continuing grants, and student scholarships for the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at UCF
- Reduce funds available to implement and support Community Partnership School sites, limit the degree to which evaluation of the model can be executed, and reduce center capacity and infrastructure needs for UCF's Community School Grant Program
- Reduce funding for graduate students and the beneficiaries of IFAS research and extension efforts
- Reduce the quality and quantity of research at Florida Poly's Florida Industrial & Phosphate Research Institute in areas such as minerals processing/rare earth elements, water and industrial wastewater treatment

For detailed reports by institution, please contact the Board of Governors Budget Office.