State University
System of Florida

Initiatives and Achievements

February 2020
The State University System of Florida

#1 for Higher Education

AFFORDABLE • INNOVATIVE • EXCELLENT

2nd LOWEST TUITION

#4 RESEARCH expenditures

4 UNIVERSITIES in TOP 100
12 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

91,390 degrees awarded 2017-18

343,818 total students enrolled (Fall 2018)

53% 4-year graduation rate

73% 6-year graduation rate

$2.12B research expenditures 2017-18
**QUALITY EDUCATION**

Over half of full-time students graduate in 4 years

86% of full-time students retained after their first year

More than half of the degrees are awarded in high-demand areas

**RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

Most graduates are employed

Nearly 90% of bachelor's graduates are employed or enrolled in further education 1 year after graduation

Wages for graduates increase over time

Median wages of graduates increase by more than 60% 10 years after graduation

Better performance while lowering costs

The System continues to improve student success outcomes, while reducing costs to the student

**RESEARCH INNOVATION**

Leading the state in patents awarded

The system leads the state with 346 utility patents awarded in 2017-18

A system on the rise for research

More than a 23% increase in research expenditures in the last 5 years

Research focused on Florida

Areas such as health, cybersecurity, big data, advanced manufacturing, & marine science

**WHY THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM?**
A SYSTEM WITH NATIONAL PROMINENCE

#1 State for Higher Education (2017, 2018, & 2019)
4 Universities Ranked in Top 100
#2 Public Historically Black College & University
#6 Public Liberal Arts Institution

2nd Lowest Tuition & Fees
U.S. News & World Report

"Florida is a blueprint for other states"
American Council for Trustees and Alumni, 2017

Florida minds shine brighter
Florida A&M University
The State University System of Florida

Tallahassee
main campus
1887
year established

Doctoral
Universities: High Research Activity, Carnegie Classification
97
degree programs

1,258
undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18
643
graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18

1,258
research expenditures 2017-18

9,583
total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)

Quality Education

16:1
student to faculty ratio

Low
cost to students

Student cost is $7,640 for a bachelor's degree

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Living-Learning Communities
(STEM, health, journalism, honors, & business)

50%
awarded in programs of strategic emphasis

Key Achievements

#2 public Historically Black College & University in the nation
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

#1 Historically Black College & University for producing African-American bachelor's degrees
(Diverse Issues in Higher Education Top 100, 2018)

#1 public institution in the nation for producing African-American professional doctoral degrees
(Diverse Issues in Higher Education Top 100, 2018)

Designated as a National Center for academic excellence in Cyber Defense Education

February 2020
Florida Atlantic University
The State University System of Florida

Launched Florida's first master's degree in Artificial Intelligence
Fall 2019

Boca Raton
main campus

28,106 total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)

160K university alumni

1961
year established

Doctoral
Universities: Higher Research Activity, Carnegie Classification

5,822 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18

1,790 graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18

150 degree programs

Quality Education

$109%
increase in research expenditures (over last five years)

15 percentage point increase in 4-year graduation rate over last five years

48% awarded to minorities

Top 10 in the nation

producer of African-American bachelor's graduates (public universities)

204 doctoral degrees awarded in 2017-18

Key Achievements

Highest Campus Ethnic Diversity index score in the SUS (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

Created unique partnership with Max Planck
Florida Institute for Neuroscience introducing high school students to world-class scientific research labs

Pell-eligible, first-generation, African-American, & Hispanic students all outpace the university’s overall retention & graduation rates

February 2020
Florida Gulf Coast University
The State University System of Florida

Fort Myers
main campus
14,684 total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)
1991 year established
$5M research expenditures 2017-18
2,675 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18
79 degree programs
321 graduate degrees awarded 2017-18

Regional leader in the interdisciplinary study of clean water in Southwest Florida

Quality Education

80% of classes taught by full-time faculty
53% degrees awarded in programs of strategic emphasis
8 percentage point increase in 4-year graduation rate over last five years
more than 1,100 students enrolled in the Honors College
more than 76% of students graduate without excess credit hours

100% pass rate for nursing & physical therapy licensure exam
Students have performed more than 3 million service learning hours

#14 Best College Dorms in America (Niche.com)

February 2020
Florida International University
The State University System of Florida

#1 in the state in percent of law school graduates who pass the Florida Bar

Miami
main campus

1965
year established

Highest
Research Activity, Doctoral Universities, Carnegie Classification

206
degree programs

50,574
total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)

$196M
research expenditures 2017-18

10,403
undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18

3,690
graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18

Quality Education

percentage point increase in 4-year graduation rate over last five years

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#1
Model United Nations Program in North America

#2
International Business undergraduate program (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

#15th in the nation among public universities in patents produced

#41
ranked in top 50 public U.S. News & World Report
Including: Nursing (#32), Biomedical Engineering (#43), Law (#47), & Public Health (#50)

88%
academic progress rate
the percentage of freshmen retained with GPA above 2.0

Youngest public university in the nation to have Phi Beta Kappa

Ranked #43 among public universities (Washington Monthly, 2019)

February 2020
Florida Polytechnic University
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96% of bachelor's degrees awarded without excess hours
2017-18

Lakeland
main campus

1,422
total degree-seeking students enrolled
(Fall 2018)

2012
year established

2014
opened for classes

STEM
only STEM-focused university in SUS

535
total graduates
(Fall 2016 - Summer 2019)

12
Research
degree programs
Florida Industrial Phosphate Research Institute

Quality Education

100% of degree programs are in STEM

16:1 student to faculty ratio
(Fall, 2019)

22 average class size

82% of in-state freshmen receive Bright Futures

100% of students are in a project-based learning environment

Key Achievements

NSF grant for connected & autonomous vehicle research

International recognition received for the Entrepreneurship program
(Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers)

Groundbreaking for the Applied Research Center

2014
year established

12 Research
degree programs
Florida Industrial Phosphate Research Institute

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Groundbreaking for the Applied Research Center

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Florida State University
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Tallahassee
main campus

1851
year established

Preeminent
research university

276
degree programs

18th ranked public university in the nation
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

18,348
total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)

$304M
in scholarships & grants disbursed in 2017-18

8,791
undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18

2,924
graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18

Quality Education

72%
highest 4-year graduation rate in the System

over 60k
freshman admission applications

57%
of classes have fewer than 20 students

Top 10
study abroad participation among public universities
(Institute of International Education)

Highest
national award for undergraduate research
(Council on Undergraduate Research)

Study abroad participation among public universities (Institute of International Education)

February 2020
New College of Florida
The State University System of Florida

- Sarasota: main campus
- 837 students enrolled (Fall 2018)
- 1960: year established
- 8:1: student-to-faculty ratio
- Honors: the state's Honors College
- 177 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18
- 40+: areas of concentration
- 100% graduates complete research projects

Quality Education

- 3.9 years: average time to degree
- Lowest: average net cost for a bachelor's degree in the System
- 40%: of bachelor's degrees awarded in STEM
- 100%: graduates complete research or creative project
- 93%: of courses have fewer than 30 students

Key Achievements

- #6 public liberal arts school in the nation
- #1 for the % of graduates earning doctorates in science & engineering
- #2 public liberal arts school in the nation (Washington Monthly)
- Top ranked for both quality & value (by Fiske, Forbes, Kiplinger's, U.S. News, Washington Monthly)

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University of Central Florida
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Key Achievements

Quality Education

- #1 in the SUS most innovative school nationally 9th among public research universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2020)
- Top 50 ranking among public research universities across multiple publications
- 89% academic progress rate the percentage of freshmen retained with GPA above 2.0
- 48% of bachelor's degrees awarded to Pell grant recipients
- 36% of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanic or African-American students

Orlando main campus
67,721 total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)
1963 year established
13,342 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18
198 degree programs

Highest Research Activity, Doctoral Universities, Carnegie Classification

198 degree programs
$215M research expenditures 2017-18
$31.5M grant awarded by NASA & NSF for Arecibo Observatory
Managed by UCF

Top 45 College of Engineering & Computer Science ranking among public universities (U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools)

- $7.5M awarded by NASA to the Center for Lunar & Asteroid Surface Science
- $3.4M awarded by NSF to study Artificial Intelligence & the impact on hotel & restaurant management
University of Florida
The State University System of Florida

Gainesville main campus
1853 year established
53,280 total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)
$865M research expenditures 2017-18
9,114 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18
321 degree programs
6,336 graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18

Quality Education

Top ranked best value public university nationally (Forbes, Kiplinger, Money)

#1 among Florida universities for median wages of recent bachelor's graduates

71% graduate degrees awarded in programs of strategic emphasis

95% academic progress rate the percentage of freshmen retained with GPA above 2.0

#4 in student outcomes among public & private universities (U.S. News & World Report, 2020)

Key Achievements

7th ranked public university in the nation U.S. News & World Report, 2020

#1 among Florida universities for National Academies members

Record $865M in research expenditures in 2017-18

2nd nationally in licenses & options executed

February 2020
University of North Florida
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Jacksonville
- main campus
- 1972
- total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)
- 69%
- undergrads work on or off campus
- 16,411
- 3,231 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18
- 691 graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18
- 99 degree programs

Community
- Carnegie Foundation Engaged University

Ranked as a "National University" for the first time
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

Quality Education

- 90% of seniors participate in at least one high impact internship or practice
- 19:1 student to faculty ratio
- #12 in the nation in overall study abroad programs among peers (Institute of International Education, 2018)
- 54% of bachelor's degrees awarded in programs of strategic emphasis
- 95% passage rate on the nursing licensure exam

Key Achievements

- Increased 4-year graduation rates by 12 percentage points over the last five years
- Ranked top 25 among public universities with lowest student default rates (U.S. Department of Education)
- 3-time winner of the Diversity Champion award for diversity & inclusion (INSIGHT into Diversity magazine, 2019)
University of South Florida
The State University System of Florida

America's fastest-rising university, #44 among public universities
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

Tampa main campus
1956 year established
Preeminent research university (USF-Tampa)
248 degree programs (across USF campuses)

48,673 total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)
$394M research expenditures 2017-18
9,680 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18 (across USF campuses)
4,170 graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18 (across USF campuses)

Quality Education

Top 50 among public research universities in six national & international rankings

#1 in the nation for global learning, research, & engagement (The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, 2019)

#1 in the SUS % undergraduate & graduate degrees awarded in programs of strategic emphasis

top producer of Fulbright Scholars, with 12 faculty scholars in 2018-2019 (The Chronicle of Higher Education)

70% of bachelor's graduates employed or enrolled (one year after graduation)

Key Achievements

#1 in Florida & #7 in the nation among public universities for U.S. Patents Granted

#9 public university in the nation for social mobility & #1 in Florida (U.S. News & World Report, 2020)

Morsani College of Medicine class of 2023 is in the 93rd percentile nationally for MCAT scores (American Medical Association)

April 2020
University of West Florida
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Pensacola main campus
- 1963 year established
- 12,179 total degree-seeking students enrolled (Fall 2018)
- 19,63 degree programs
- 1,063 graduate & professional degrees awarded 2017-18

Doctoral University with moderate research, Carnegie Classification
- 2,305 undergraduate degrees awarded 2017-18

Ranked in the top 15 Regional Public Universities in the South
U.S. News & World Report, 2020

Quality Education
- 73% of classes are taught by ranked, full-time faculty
- 19 percentage point increase in academic progress rate over last five years
- 98% of graduates passed the nursing licensure exam
- 100% of graduates passed the medical laboratory sciences licensure exam
- 1st Ph.D. in Intelligent Systems and Robotics in Florida

Key Achievements
- A top university for diversity & inclusion
  (Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from INSIGHT into Diversity magazine, 2019)
- Ranked #5 military friendly school in the nation
  (Military Friendly® Schools ratings)
- Only higher education representative on Governor's Florida Cybersecurity Task Force

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