

Classes for the fall 2021 semester at UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management start on Monday, August 23, and we are ready to Charge On and get back into the classrooms here on campus. Over the past 18 months, the COVID-19 pandemic had us learning and working remotely, and in mixed-mode, some learning online and some face-to-face in the classroom, during the spring and summer semesters. We're looking forward to being together again on campus as we continue to navigate a new model of learning.

Named the nation's best, and No. 2 in world, our college has consistently moved up in international rankings to create the best experiences and value for our students and serve the interests of many other stakeholders. We educate the next generation of industry leaders through internationally-recognized faculty, innovative academic programs, cutting-edge research and strong industry and community partnerships. We deliver a global perspective on hospitality, event management, entertainment management, restaurant and foodservice management, lodging and senior living management, and we are ready to continue in fall 2021



Curriculums and syllabuses have been prepared. Hard copy books have been ordered and are available for purchase in the bookstore. We know some students like their books online so that's an option for some courses as well. We've installed sensors on many doors around campus to reduce touchpoints. All you have to do is wave your hand in front of the sensor and the door will automatically open. While vaccinations are available, we highly encourage all our **Knights to Armor Up and get Vacci-Knighted**, to not only benefit yourself but also your peers. We encourage everyone to continue practicing health and safety protocols such as frequent hand washing, face coverings indoors, especially in areas where it is difficult to socially distance and staying home when experiencing any cold- or flu-like symptoms. UCF does have the vaccine available at the main campus Student Health Services for those who wish to get the vaccine. You may find your shot here: <https://www.ucf.edu/coronavirus/vaccines/>. If you're interested in the data of COVID cases and protocols at UCF, you may visit this webpage, <https://www.ucf.edu/coronavirus/> for information.

We understand that this is a stressful time coping with COVID-19, financial concerns, academic achievement and more, and we want to assure you that we will be compassionate and empathetic. Students have access as needed to UCF's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Students who need assistance, including after hours can reach out to CAPS by calling 407-823-2811 or visiting <http://caps.sdes.ucf.edu>.

We understand the past several months have been challenging and that things may look different than we are used to, but as Knights, we'll get through this together for the Fall semester of 2021!

Charge On!

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