

Welcome to the fall 2022 semester at UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management. It's Monday, August 22 and we are ready to head back to class with fresh ideas, updated curriculums and some points of pride.

UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management has once again ranked as the premiere hospitality and tourism program in the nation, as rated by the [ShanghaiRankings](#) listing of 500 of the world's top universities. For the third year in a row, the ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022 ranked Rosen College's hospitality program No.1 in the nation and among the top five in the world. The Chronicle of Higher Education says that the ShanghaiRanking is considered the most influential ranking among world-renowned universities. Interdisciplinary research opportunities for faculty and graduate students in collaboration with experts from other disciplines throughout the world have placed the college on the top of ShanghaiRankings year after year. Recently, the Rosen College, College of Medicine, and College of Engineering and Computer Science received [\\$4.5 million dollars in funding for the new Infectious Disease and Travel Health Initiative](#). The interdisciplinary effort aims to mitigating the damage caused to hospitality, travel, and small businesses by health crises, like the COVID-19 pandemic. Our students and alumni are proud to attend a top ranked college.



Another pride point we'd like to share is on our internship program. Did you know that approximately 1,000 Rosen College students complete internships each semester? Our students get valuable experience in the hospitality industry with internships in all 50 states, plus nine countries around the globe, including Australia and Japan, as well as Panama, Portugal and Spain. Our internship curriculum requires all Rosen College students gain valuable professional development and knowledge in their field of study, and the internships are paid. Seventy-one percent of students who have internships are full-time students who work at least 28 hours a week, in addition to completing all their course work for their degree programs. The college has five undergrad degree programs, hospitality management, entertainment management, event management, lodging & restaurant management and senior living management, and five undergrad degree certificate programs. You can find details on all of them on our [website](#).

Curriculum and syllabus have also been prepared for the graduate degree programs and certificates, and for the first time, we have launched a fully online cohort in Event Leadership for Master's degree seeking students. The cohort will go through the entire program together, from start to finish, 30 credit hours in seven-week blocs, wrapping after five consecutive terms in spring 2024.

After two and a half years of education under the cloud of the pandemic it is great to be back with all the future leaders of the hospitality industry and our industry partners.

Welcome back and Charge On!

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