Greetings from Innovation Academy!

Whether you are in online classes, an internship, a job, volunteering, or taking a well-deserved break, we wish you luck this semester! Please see the Message from the Director section below from IA Director, Dr. Jeff Citty, for some words of wisdom about how to maximize your fall semester.

A Message from the Director

Hello IA Gators,

The fall semester has begun, and we know many of you are taking this time to continue to polish your professional skills at an internship or by volunteering, gaining some international experience, performing research or just getting ahead with some online classes. I wanted to take a brief minute and offer some suggestions on how you can make the most of your fall semester no matter what experience you choose.

1. **Create an action plan** – It is easy to get caught up in visualizing your success, but the most important thing to learn about setting goals is writing them down in an action plan. Develop some personal and professional goals for your fall semester and don’t comprise them. Consider the old adage: “Nothing great just happens.”

2. **Balance time and your goals** – Now that you have some goals for fall, you need to find and guard the time you need to make them happen. This will involve good decision making regarding your daily choices. Evaluating what “must be done” versus “what can be delayed” is sometimes a tricky proposition. However, by reviewing your goals daily you can continue to focus, prioritize, and watch your achievement begin to stack up.

3. **Seek to challenge and grow your mind** – This requires openness to failure and new ideas that may be counter to previously developed habits of the mind. To accomplish this, it will require pushing oneself, building and rebuilding, questioning, struggling and seeking answers. This concept is tied directly to attitude, not ability, in the face of a challenge. The most successful students stay with challenging assignments longer and are reluctant to give them up. You can’t really tell what you can do until you struggle with a challenge over and over again.

Embrace the challenges and experiences you might face this fall and the slow and steady progress that is demanded to truly innovate yourself from the inside out. I wish you the best success over the fall semester and look forward to seeing you all in spring.

Very Best Regards,

Jeff Citty, Ed.D.
Director, Innovation Academy
In light of recent attacks, an event called No Gator Walks Along will be taking place today, 9/8, from 5 to 8 pm near Library West. Please come by to support the cause and sign your name on the banner. We are all Gators. 'I Won't Walk Alone' is a promise to not only walk with someone at night, but to always look out for one another.

Join the event here and share with your friends: No Gator Walks Alone

Get Free Help Studying!
The UF Teaching Center has the tools you need to ace that first exam and experience continued success all semester. Visit their Website at www.teachingcenter.ufl.edu for more information about their free walk-in and private tutoring. Study alongside a UF student who has recently passed the same course that you are in, or take time to evaluate your personal study strategies with a Learning Specialist whom you can discuss techniques to make your study time more efficient and effective.

Paid Volunteer Opportunity
Interested in volunteering to support students with disabilities? The Disability Resource Center is looking for undergraduate student note-takers for the Fall and Spring semesters. To qualify for this opportunity, you must have a 3.0 G.P.A., excellent class attendance and take quality notes. Note-takers are compensated with a Campus Bookstore gift card of $25 per credit hour for the class for which notes are supplied. Volunteer hours may be awarded in lieu of the gift card. For more information contact Ebony White at 392-8565.
Happening at the Career Resource Center this week...

Check out our events at the CRC this week, and log into Gator CareerLink [www.crc.ufl.edu](http://www.crc.ufl.edu) for more information.

- Navigating the Swamp: A Guide to Exploring options as a UF Postdoc on Mon., Sept. 8 from 4 – 5 p.m.
- LinkedIn: The Basics on Tues., Sept. 9 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- LinkedIn: Networking and Job Searching on Wed., Sept. 10 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Things I wish I knew as a freshman (Presented by IBM) on Thurs., Sept. 11 from 3:05 – 4 p.m.
- International students and the job search on Thurs. Sept. 11 from 4 – 5 p.m.

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**TapShield Safety App!**

Student Government is happy to provide students with the tool to turn their smartphone into a personal mobile safety device. UF SG has deployed mobile safety app called [TapShield](http://www.tapshield.com), which makes mobile phones an essential part of personal safety both on and off campus. With TapShield app (for [iPhone](http://www.apple.com) and [Android](http://www.google.com)), you can:

- View local crime no matter where you are
- Submit crime tips to UPD
- Summon help from police in just one tap on your smartphone

Going on a run through campus and using headphones to listen to music? TapShield also has a feature called [Yank](http://www.tapshield.com) which will automatically alert police if headphones are pulled from the phone’s audio port either on purpose or by force.

They’re using safety technology to empower students like you to collaborate with UPD, building a safer campus.


For more information, visit [sg.ufl.edu](http://www.sg.ufl.edu).

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**Study Abroad Fair**

The University of Florida International Center is proud to host the fall 2014 Study Abroad Fair on September 17, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plaza of the Americas.
Study-abroad programs help students discover new cultures, increase global awareness, enhance foreign language skills, make new friends and establish new contacts. Overseas internship opportunities are also available. Most financial aid can be used for study abroad programs. And, study abroad programs can be used to satisfy summer residency requirements.

This past year, more than 2,000 UF students studied abroad. The International Center encourages prospective “Global Gators” to stop by 1765 Stadium Road, Suite 170 HUB, or visit online at www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu.

UF student organizations will conduct performances throughout the day. So, come to the UF Study Abroad Fair on September 17 and discover your study abroad possibilities.

Discover your inner “Global Gator” today!

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NEW IA Admissions Site Launches

We are LOVING the NEW University of Florida Admissions website and the great Innovation Academy page! Apply to be an IA Gator today!

Check out the site: http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/newIA.html

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The Innovation Academy (IA) is one of the nation’s most forward-looking undergraduate programs— at one of its most dynamic research universities. Innovation Academy gives motivated students a small-college experience focused on innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship, ethics and leadership on a unique spring-summer schedule. The IA enrolls and supports academically talented students focused on developing knowledge to grow new business opportunities, services
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