

ENROLLED STUDENTS

INCOMING CLASS



224

Spring 2026 confirms



4.5-4.7

Middle 50% GPA of accepted students



1380-1510 SAT
31-34 ACT

Middle 50% scores of accepted students



1,533

Applications

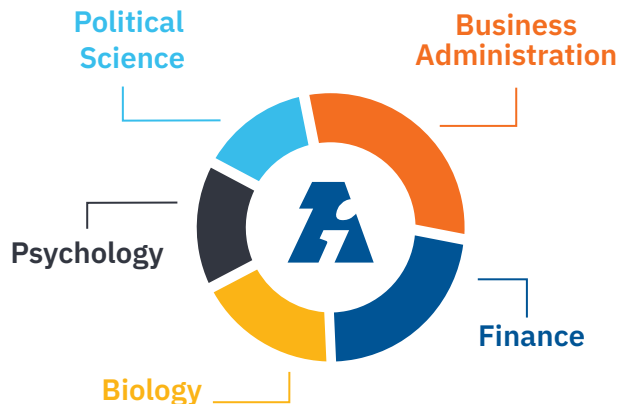


1,000+
Total students



25+
Available majors

TOP 5 MAJORS



IMPORTANT DATES

Discover IA Fall 2025
On Zoom

September 26 3:30 - 4:30 pm

October 10 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Register on the website
innovationacademy.ufl.edu

UF Application Deadline

Early Action: Nov. 1, 2025

Regular Decision: Jan. 15, 2026

www.admissions.ufl.edu

IA EVENTS

Discover IA

Info sessions to allow prospective students and their families to learn about the IA program and its exciting benefits.

Launch Into IA

The official new student convocation bringing all of the incoming IA students together for the university welcome.

Speaker Series

The Innovation Academy invites various industry professionals and thought leaders to speak to IA students as guest lecturers.

Catalyst

A student showcase where freshmen present a prototype they design of a product, service, or model developed in an interdisciplinary team environment.

Summit

Summit celebrates students' successful completion of the Innovation minor and their graduation from the University of Florida by awarding the IA graduation medallion.

SPRING/SUMMER BENEFITS

IA's unique spring/summer academic calendar allows for an open fall semester to engage in internships, study abroad, research or other professional development opportunities during a less competitive time. A culmination of these experiences and acquired skills helps our students become highly sought after candidates, ready for the first day on the job as polished, prepared, professionals who are ready to hit the ground running.



Online Classes

Get ahead academically with online classes through UF, or courses at your local state/community college.



Prototyping Skills

Learn new tangible skills in prototyping like 3D Printing, Arduino programming and laser-cutting.



Internship

Mentoring and professional development through local start-up companies and access to database.



Co-Curricular Experience

Gain unique programmatic and community engagement opportunities.



Tailored Advising

IA advisors help students navigate through the IA curriculum/program.

INNOVATION MINOR

The UF Innovation Minor is exclusive to IA students. The Innovation Minor courses are designed to provide core knowledge base and a skill set to prepare IA students for the 21st century economy.



CREATIVITY & DESIGN THINKING

Students examine the dynamics of creativity, discovery and innovation across disciplines. They learn problem-finding and problem-solving skills through design thinking.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Students will develop a practical, hands-on understanding of the stages of the entrepreneurial process with a focus on the decision-making process within a start-up company.



ETHICS

Students will become familiar with some of the major ethical theories, with ethical issues surrounding innovation, and with some of the psychological obstacles to acting ethically.



LEADERSHIP

By studying key leadership theories and models, students will develop the basic skills and knowledge necessary to move an innovation from creation to implementation.

CO-CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS



CAMPUS LIFE

Students can stay engaged in their clubs and organizations and attend UF social and athletic events.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

IA offers a very successful Fall Internship program with local companies in Gainesville where students work in teams and earn 4 credits in the process. IA also offers an independent internship database to support students looking for opportunities nationally.



AMBASSADORS

Develop valuable interpersonal skills with an emphasis on servant-leadership, public speaking, networking and marketing.

EMPLOYMENT

IA has caught the attention of many employers and leaders who have sought upper-level students to work for them full-time in the fall when all other students return to campus or can only work part-time.



STUDY ABROAD

The fall semester off is ideal for study abroad, giving students a large window of time to work with when studying abroad and increased opportunities.

TWO TRACKS

BOTH TRACKS

- Creativity and Design Thinking for Innovation
- Innovation in Action

GENERAL CONCENTRATION TRACK

- Principles of Entrepreneurship
- Fostering Innovation Through Leadership
- Ethics in Innovation
- IA Senior Project OR The Venture Accelerator

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRACK

- AI Fundamentals
- Ethics, Data, and Technology
- Engineering Entrepreneurship
- College Specific Course

PROTOTYPE & BUILD



3D PRINTING

3D printing is available at UF libraries, the Infinity Fab Lab, and the IA Prototyping Studio coming soon!



INCUBATION SPACE

Startup Springs is Innovation Academy's business incubator that helps student foster and grow their bright ideas.



COMPETITIONS

IA students enter their ideas and creations into various competitions such as The Big Idea, UF AI Days, and many more!

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