

HAMILTON SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION

The Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education is the newest school at the University of Florida, uniquely dedicated to educating the future leaders of a free society. Offering courses from world-class faculty on themes in Western civilization, the school aims to help students enter an unparalleled pipeline for singular opportunities both at UF and beyond.

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Effective Spring 2025, the Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education became the Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education.

Student Experience in Hamilton

Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education students have a variety of life-changing opportunities to pursue academic, career, and personal growth. Faculty bring world-class scholarship and instruction to the classroom in Gainesville, and facilitate connections to prestigious internships and summer fellowships, enabling students to get a head start on career ambitions. In addition, the Hamilton School sponsors programs so students can study abroad at Oxford and Cambridge, two of the world's most elite institutions.

As leading researchers in the humanities and social sciences, Hamilton School faculty are also devoted teachers. Students receive close mentorship from their professors who teach them in small classes. The kind of teaching the Hamilton School aspires to support not only encourages free expression and the pursuit of truth, but also helps students develop the skills and networks they need to succeed in their careers after UF.

Free thought, free expression, free from agenda — that is what students can expect from Hamilton School classes.

DEGREES

Students successfully completing a degree program with the Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education will receive a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education Advising team provides comprehensive support and guidance to students, helping them navigate their academic journey, explore intellectual interests, and achieve their personal and professional goals. To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please visit the advising website (<https://hamilton.center.ufl.edu/advising/>).

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students can join the quest for truth through vibrant groups, events, and activities designed to inspire, connect, and transform. For questions regarding involvement with or participation in Hamilton School student organizations, please visit the student involvement website (<https://hamilton.center.ufl.edu/get-involved/>).

Academic Policies

Admission

Freshman

Students who fall into this category apply directly to the University of Florida Office of Admission. Students who are offered on-campus admission may select a Hamilton major as their intended major during Freshman Orientation (Preview).

- Freshman Admission Information (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/prospectivefreshmen.html>)
- Freshman Application (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/start.html>)

After admission, freshman students are required to attend orientation (Freshman Preview) and are responsible for meeting with a Hamilton advisor to ensure that any incoming credits are evaluated properly and that they understand the requirements to complete their UF degrees.

If you have any questions about this process, email hamilton-advising@ufl.edu. (hamilton-advising@ufl.edu)

Transfer

Community or state college transfers, and transfers from other universities, are welcome and encouraged to apply for admission into our Hamilton majors. Our admissions committee uses an applicant pool to select candidates for admission to Bachelor of Arts degree programs in the Hamilton School. All applications that meet the minimum requirements are placed into a pool from which the most qualified are selected for admission each term. Per a Florida Board of Governors articulation agreement, an AA graduate from a Florida public postsecondary institution shall receive priority for admission to a state university over out-of-state transfer students. Prospective applicants should pay careful attention to the minimum requirements as described below in order to be a competitive applicant.

Transfer Minimum Requirements:

- Meet the Office of Admission eligibility requirements (<https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/transfer/eligibility/>)
- Earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 from all previous institutions attended

Students meeting the above requirements apply through the University of Florida Office of Admissions and are forwarded to Hamilton School's admissions committee.

- Transfer Application (<https://admissions.ufl.edu/>)

After admission, transfer students are required to attend orientation (Transfer Preview) and are responsible for meeting with a Hamilton advisor to ensure that their transfer credits are evaluated properly and that they understand the requirements to complete their UF degrees. If you have any questions about this process, email hamilton-advising@ufl.edu. (hamilton-advising@ufl.edu)

PROGRAM DECLARATION

Current UF Students | Major Change

Students currently enrolled at UF in another major wishing to pursue a major change into a Hamilton major must meet with a Hamilton School advisor to determine if they are eligible to switch. Schedule an appointment with an advisor here (<https://hamilton.center.ufl.edu/advising/>).

Current UF Students | Double Major, Dual Degree, Minor(s)

Prior to applying on One.UF, any current UF student who wishes to pursue a Hamilton School double major, dual degree, or minor should meet with a Hamilton School advisor. Schedule an appointment with an advisor here (<https://hamilton.center.ufl.edu/advising/>).

CREDIT EVALUATION

Transfer Students

Pre-admittance to UF

Transfer applicants to Hamilton School should review the Transfer Credit Evaluation policy located on the Office of Admission website: Transfer Credit Evaluation - University of Florida (<https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/transfer/credit-evaluation/>). All transfer credit will be reviewed and articulated after a student has been admitted into Hamilton School.

Transient Students

Current UF student taking or will take course(s) at other institutions

Students may submit a transient form (<https://www.floridashines.org/succeed-in-college/take-a-course-at-another-school/>) via [Floridashines.org](https://www.floridashines.org) to request permission to enroll at another institution and have the credits apply to their UF degrees.

To be eligible for transient work, students must:

- Have a minimum 2.0 UF GPA
- Be on-track for the current major
- Not break the residency requirement (Students MUST complete their last 30 credits continuously at UF)

Under most circumstances, students who have already transferred 60 credits from a public/state college may not apply additional public/state college credits toward their degree.

If approved for transient enrollment elsewhere, students may still need to have courses approved for the fulfillment of any specific requirement. Courses intended to meet major or minor requirements are subject to the approval of the Hamilton School. Courses whose numbers are not consistent with the common course numbering system need to be reviewed and approved by the Hamilton School to meet general education or basic distribution requirements.

Transfer courses that are given a UF equivalent will be awarded words towards the Writing Requirement if the designated UF equivalent awards words. Students should not assume they will receive the writing credit from another institution. All Writing Requirement questions should be directed to the Hamilton School's advising team.

Students must ensure that a final transcript is sent to UF after completion of the transient course(s). Grades for courses taken elsewhere will not be calculated into the UF GPA but may be considered as part of the preprofessional GPA used by critical tracking. Grades in courses taken elsewhere do appear on the UF transcript.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Courses that satisfy General Education requirements are listed by category. The courses listed represent the most expedient way to fulfill graduation requirements. However, students can satisfy degree requirements with alternative course sequences. All courses used to satisfy General Education requirements must be taken for a letter grade and a minimum grade of C is required.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Students are responsible for ensuring they stay on track academically by registering for the appropriate courses and fulfilling all degree requirements. They should regularly review their degree audits and consult their advisors each term to confirm they are enrolling in the correct courses in the proper sequence. Failure to register for necessary coursework may impact future enrollment eligibility.

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

Students must maintain normal academic progress with a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all courses attempted. Regulations for academic probation and dismissal follow the academic standards of the university and require the maintenance of grade point averages and reasonable conformance to a program of study. Students may be dismissed from the program if they fail to maintain normal academic progress. Additional information regarding university academic progress policies can be found here (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/academic-progress-policies/#academicstandingtext>).

Degree Requirements

Hamilton School Degree Requirements

- All Hamilton School coursework must be complete with a grade of C or higher.
- Students must successfully complete 120 credits of coursework.
- A minimum overall UF GPA of 2.0 is required in coursework attempted at the university.

All Hamilton School students must adhere to university degree requirements including, but not limited to:

- General Education (Gen Ed) Requirement (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-programs/general-education/>)
- Civic Literacy Requirement (https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/civics_requirement/)
- Writing Requirement (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/student-responsibilities/writing-requirement/>)
- Summer Term Enrollment Requirement (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/degree-graduation-policies/>)
- Residence Requirement (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/degree-graduation-policies/>)

Programs

MAJORS

- Great Books and Ideas
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law

MINORS

- Great Books and Ideas Minor
- Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law Minor