

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the University of Florida College of Pharmacy Orlando Campus

Why do students come to campus?

Exams, quizzes, small group discussions, case presentations, review sessions, student organization meetings.

How many times per week are students on campus?

Varies, on average 2 to 4 times per week

What time are on-campus classes/sessions usually scheduled?

This is determined by classroom availability and facilitator availability. As the number of students grows, classrooms may become less available and thus class meetings occur throughout the day.

What is a facilitator?

A facilitator is a practicing pharmacist who we hire to run the on campus sessions (with the input of the faculty in Gainesville). Most often each class has a different facilitator.

Where do I get my schedule?

The lecture schedule is determined before each semester and posted on the College of Pharmacy website. Students at the distant campus sites use this as a guide to watching lectures, as lectures will appear approximately 2-3 hours later. The on campus schedule is posted on Blackboard before the start of each semester. *All schedules are tentative and subject to change.*

Can lectures be viewed on campus?

Yes, lectures can be viewed on campus. Students can either bring their laptops and connect to one of our T1 ports on campus or they may “check out” a computer in the library. Students will be responsible for bringing their own headphones in order to be able to listen to lectures on campus. Please be aware that there is only a certain amount of bandwidth available; as more students attempt to watch lectures, the quality of the connection decreases. Your internet connection at home should be your primary means of watching lectures.

Can I print things at school?

No, there is no printer available for student use.

Where can I study on campus?

There are several rooms in the teaching building for student use. The library is meant for private study and can accommodate approximately 38 students. When classrooms, labs, conference rooms, or the auditorium are not in use students may use these areas to study as well. An online room schedule is available at www.mrec.ifas.ufl.edu then click on Resource Scheduler (userid: COP, password: guest).

How late can I study on campus?

For liability reasons, students may not remain in the building when a University of Florida employee is not present. Normal hours for the facility are 8:30am-5pm Monday through Friday. However, students are welcome to come to campus on evenings when they are not scheduled to meet if there are other students/faculty present.

What books do we have access to in the library?

As a University of Florida student, you have online access to library material. We have some basic textbooks for student use in the library; our stock of references will increase as demand increases.

How do we get exams back?

Exams are sent to Gainesville to be graded. Many exams are scantron and thus grades are posted in approximately one week. Most faculty do not allow students to keep their exams but may review the exam key in the presence of a college staff person.

When is the staff available?

Most often, all three permanent staff members are at the campus during normal business hours. After business hours, at least one staff member or facilitator is normally present immediately before or during scheduled class meetings.

How do we communicate with our facilitator? Professors?

Facilitators will often provide students with their email address as well as work or home telephone number. Facilitators are asked to check their email at least once every 24 hours to check for student messages. Faculty in Gainesville are available by virtual office hours (online chat room), phone, email, or discussion boards. (Please check your class syllabus for your each course coordinator's preferred method.)

How do we submit assignments?

Directions on submitting assignments are determined by the faculty member in Gainesville who makes the assignment. If assignments are to be turned in locally, students can submit their assignments in person, by fax, or by email (if appropriate). When submitting assignments via fax or email it is your responsibility to verify with Sandy that your assignment was received and is legible.