

FREE TAX PREP SERVICES

Doing your taxes doesn't have to be as taxing an experience as others make it seem. There are numerous free tax preparation services available, both online and in-person. Be sure to get them filed no later than April 15!

-United Way VITA program: The United Way in collaboration with community coalitions sponsors the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. If you earn less than \$39,000 annually, you are eligible for free federal tax services. VITA locations are throughout Gainesville, both on-and off-campus. Go to <http://www.unitedwayncfl.org/VITA.aspx> to book an appointment and for more info.

-IRS online: The IRS has a list of free tax filing services. Each company has different requirements, but most of them will file for free if you have an income of less than \$58,000 or are under the age of 25. Read each company's criteria carefully before selecting which one to use.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

Looking for a way to get involved and become better connected to UF and the Gainesville community? Be part of the Community Advocates Student Organization, a student organization sponsored by the Office of Off Campus Life (OCL). There are Executive and General Board positions available. For the application, see <http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/communityadvocates/>. Applications are due by April 8.

Go to <http://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/jsp/index.jsp?ck> to see a list of free tax filing providers.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

Be sure to keep the receipts of school-related expenses such as textbooks or laptops. Also, if you paid interest on your student loan, you can claim this interest on your tax return. Consult a tax professional about additional exemptions that may pertain to you.

SUBLEASING 101



Summer is almost upon us and you're ready to get out of the 352. But, what are you going to do about your apartment and the rent owed for it? Subleasing is an option that you and about 10438927353 other students are planning to do. Read below for some tips on subleasing.

First, make sure that you are able to sublet your apartment. Check your lease for any certain conditions or allowances regarding subleasing. Some complexes don't allow subleasing so talk to management or your landlord before doing this.

Student Legal Services (SLS) can review your lease for you. SLS also has sublease agreements you can use to document agreed-upon expectations and conditions for the sublesser to follow. Go to SLS' website www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu and fill out the Client Intake Form. SLS is located on the 3rd floor of the Reitz Union and provides free legal services for full-time UF students.

If you are able to sublease, start spreading the word about your vacancy as soon as possible. You can post your sublet on OCL's online housing locator, in the Alligator, etc. OCL finds the best way to find a reliable sublease is through word of mouth and through trusted, responsible friends and acquaintances. Some (but, not all) complexes may help find a sublease, as well. Be sure to see if they will be of assistance.

If your roommates are going to be living with your potential sublease, make sure they know you are looking for someone and that they feel comfortable living with them. You don't need your roommates' approval of who you sublet to, but keeping them in the loop of who you choose would probably assuage any fears they may have. Moreover, they might know someone looking for a room so they could help you with the sublesser search.

Subleasing is not an impossible task, but it can be very difficult to find someone especially since there will be so many other subleases available. If you know you only need a certain number of months, talk to apartment management to see if they offer shorter term leases to save you the work of finding someone to sublease.

FOR MORE INFO ON SUBLEASING, GO TO OCL'S APRIL LUNCH SERIES ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12 FROM 11:45AM-12:35PM IN THE REITZ UNION ROOM 282. FREE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

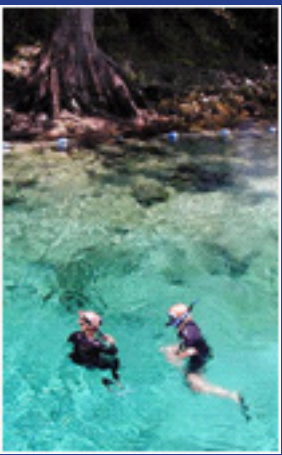
LOCAL SUMMER FUN



Kanapaha Gardens

If you're in Gainesville for the summer, take advantage of local happenings for your fun and entertainment. The Bo Diddley Community Plaza hosts free, outdoor concerts starting in May. Every Friday evening, a different band or artist will take the stage. Bring some snacks and a friend and check out this fun, free, outdoor event.

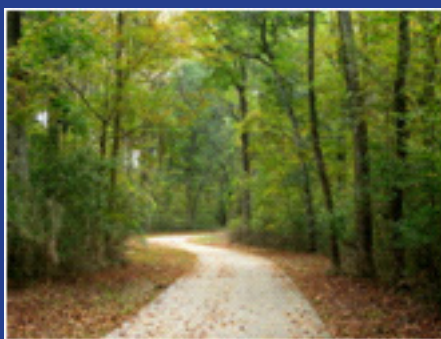
If you haven't already, experience the local natural beauty Gainesville is home to by going to Kanapaha Gardens, Paynes Prairie, or the Hawthorne Trail. You can also check out the Devil's Milhopper or go tubing on the Springs.



Ginny Springs



Paynes Prairie



Hawthorne Trail



Devil's Milhopper

FINALS WEEK AT THE UNION

Going to the bar on finals week to study? What?! The Reitz Union will have an oxygen bar amongst other things to help make your studying experience the best possible. Other amenities available at the Union during Finals Week are:

- Free flavored oxygen bar (as seen in Vegas and Miami)
- Free coffee and snacks
- Open 24 hours
- Free hour of bowling or pool in the Game Room on the Ground Floor

Bring a friend and your textbooks and get your study on at the Union! For more details, go to www.union.ufl.edu.

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

Finals schminals. It's crunch time for classes. Are you feeling the heat? If so, don't panic...and definitely don't cram. Make a plan to study little by little every day and check out some resources to help you show your finals who's boss.

Read below for resources available to help you rock your finals.

-Office Hours: If you haven't been yet, you should go to your professor or TA's office hours. You can get more one-on-one attention and get to know them more. Also, it helps them get to know you which is helpful when it comes time to request letters of recommendation.

-UF Reading & Writing Center: Check out <http://www.at.ufl.edu/rwcenter/index.html> for tips on developing reading and writing skills including memory recall, time management, and note-taking. You can also have your papers reviewed for free. To make an appointment, go to the above website or call 352-392-6420.

-Office of Academic Support: Located in Little Hall, the Office of Academic Support (OAS) has numerous tutors available for help in various subjects including economics, math, Spanish, chemistry, biology, etc. Tutoring services are free so check them out at <http://oas.ua.ufl.edu/academic-tutoring.aspx>.

-Teaching Center: Located on campus in Broward Hall, the Teacher Center offers free tutoring, study skills, and test preparation services. For more information and to schedule an appointment, go to <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/index.html>.



Good luck on finals!