In the Fall 2015 edition of Transfer Times we highlighted one of the combined degree programs (bachelor’s/master’s) offered at the University of Florida (UF) that allows students the chance to get a head start on their graduate education by taking graduate level courses while still an undergraduate.

Liberal arts students are finding the combined degree programs offered by the Hough Graduate School of Business at UF an attractive way to combine their liberal arts education with a graduate business education. We will highlight another one of these programs, the Master of Science in Management (MSM), in this edition.

The MSM is a general graduate business program designed specifically for individuals with a non-business academic background or degree. Unlike some graduate programs in business, no professional work experience is required. A few of the benefits of the MSM are as follow:

- Learn the “language of business” and gain a solid business background to open up advancement opportunities within your undergraduate major field
- Strengthen your liberal arts degree transferable skills to allow for employment in management
- Gain a network of contacts that will last a lifetime

Any undergraduate student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences regardless of major who has a 3.2 cumulative UF GPA and 90 earned credits is eligible to apply (see details at: http://warrington.ufl.edu/graduate/academics/msm/options/combined.asp).

You can potentially earn your master’s in the semester after earning your bachelor’s if you complete the maximum of 21 credits while still an undergraduate student. The flexibility of the curriculum with undergraduate majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences makes this possible with good planning.
Welcome to the 6th edition of the *Transfer Times* newsletter, produced by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida! As always, we have produced the *Transfer Times* as part of our effort to let prospective transfer students know about the amazing opportunities and experiences that await them here at UF.

The theme of this edition of the newsletter must be something like “adding it all up”! We have features on Math and Statistics majors here in the College—both of these popular programs are outstanding launching pads to a variety of careers. But “adding it all up” is more than just Math and Statistics. We want all of our prospective transfer students to know that their experiences here will “add up” to more than just the courses that they take. There are so many aspects of the UF experience that contribute to student success, and help make our graduates so successful. This edition of *Transfer Times* highlights some of those added features. It includes a discussion of another great combined degree program with the College of Business Administration, an interview with a math transfer student, the growing online degree options, and transfer chats with our amazing advisors—their support and engagement helps ensure that our students stay on-track, graduate on time, and leave UF fully prepared for the next steps in their lives.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our office if there is anything we can do to assist you, or if you have any feedback for us.

*Joe Spillane, PhD*

*Associate Dean for Student Affairs, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

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**Transfer Advisor Chat**

The Academic Advising Center is proud to announce a new way to speak with a transfer advisor! During select days and times, you can visit [www.advising.ufl.edu/transfer](http://www.advising.ufl.edu/transfer) to chat live with an advisor. This new feature allows you to connect with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences transfer advisors outside of the Advising Center’s phone advising hours or email. You can get immediate responses to any transfer related questions you have during Transfer Chat.

Here are some questions you may want to ask to help you start planning your chat today!

- What do I need to take to be a competitive applicant for my desired major?
- When will I receive a decision on my application?
- Do I need to complete all of the competitive coursework before I apply?
- Can I apply to any term for any major?
- Do I need letters of recommendation?
- Is there anything I can do if I am not admitted to a particular major?
Did you know the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers eight fully online degrees? That’s right, you can complete degrees in Anthropology, Biology, Computer Science, Criminology and Law, Geography, Geology, Sociology, or Psychology without ever stepping foot on campus. This is a great option for students who work, have families, or are unable to relocate to Gainesville, but are still looking to become a part of the Gator Nation!

Students who choose the online option receive the same quality education as residential students with the flexibility of completing the work entirely online. UF Online students also enjoy a 25% tuition discount and don’t pay all the fees of residential students! Total tuition and fees for Florida residents in UF Online is currently only $129.18 per credit hour!

Deadlines for UF Online are also later than those applying for residential programs!

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For additional information or to apply today, please visit:

http://info.ufonline.ufl.edu/clas-news2016

The Academic Advising Center is on the move!

Find out more:
advising.ufl.edu/onthemove

The Academic Advising Center will be temporarily relocating during the renovation of Farrior Hall. Visit our On the Move website to keep up to date on our progress!

Foreign Language Updates!

Want to major in a foreign language at UF or possibly a dual language?

Beginning Fall 2016, you can earn a degree in Foreign Languages & Literatures with one of the following specializations:

- African Languages
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dual Languages
- French and Francophone Studies
- German
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Russian

You can also still major in Portuguese and Spanish.

We also offer the following foreign language minors:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French & Francophone
- German
- Greek Studies
- Hebrew
- Italian Studies
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
Thinking About Numbers: Becoming a Math or Statistics Major at UF

Mathematics and Statistics are two majors offered by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences that provide students a great return on their investment to the college experience! Mathematics is an essential tool and its majors are in high demand in a number of fields, including the social and natural sciences, engineering, and medicine. Statistics lies at the heart of most research and statisticians are important in many fields. Their skills are utilized in professions ranging from business to science and everything in between.

Students majoring in statistics learn to solve practical problems and design studies to effectively address the purpose of research projects (i.e., assessing economic and social conditions or monitoring the effectiveness of governmental programs). Similarly, studying Mathematics develops the skills of critical thinking, analyzing data, and preparation for working with computers and quantitative data.

Both Mathematics and Statistics offer a great opportunity for transfer students to continue their studies at the University of Florida in a growing field.

The Department of Mathematics offers two undergraduate degree programs: a Bachelor of Science intended for students who wish to pursue graduate study in mathematics, and a Bachelor of Arts, intended for students who wish to pursue a career in a mathematical field or to teach at the secondary school level.

The Statistics Department also offers two undergraduate degree programs: a Bachelor of Science intended for students with a deeper interest in mathematical foundations of statistics, and a Bachelor of Arts intended for students who wish to pursue a career in the field of statistics. Both majors provide the opportunity for students to enhance their degree with an Actuarial Science minor or the UF Teach Minor Certification Program.

Graduates within our Mathematics major have secured positions as a mathematical financial analyst at Capital One, a biostatistician position at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and a recruitment officer with Google. Graduates within our Statistics major are currently employed as actuaries with insurance companies such as Allstate and analysts for companies such as Intel and Capital One.

Please visit www.advising.ufl.edu/transfer for the competitive criteria to transfer into both Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Florida.
Kelley Serravalle transferred to UF last Fall as a mathematics major after completing her AA degree from Santa Fe College. She had always loved math but it was her senior year in high school that she really started thinking about becoming a math teacher. She saw students struggling with math and wanted to be able to help them understand and learn math, not just worry about grades. One of the things that excites her the most about teaching is being able to get to know her students and their struggles and see them improve and maybe even be able to say “math is not that bad” or, better still, “math is my favorite subject.”

After inquiring about the path to becoming a math teacher at the University of Florida, she learned about the UFTeach program for math and science. She was able to major in her favorite subject (math) while earning a specialized minor in education. She is getting actual teaching experience at a local high school teaching one of her favorite areas of math (algebra) in addition to individual math tutoring that she does on her own time.

When Kelley graduates in May 2017 she will have no difficulty getting a math teaching job as UFTeach graduates are being recruited even prior to graduation given the reputation of the program for producing excellent teachers as well as the demand for math teachers due to the national shortage. But as Kelley says, “it is most important to find something you are good at, enjoy and can make a difference—it is not just about the paycheck.”

Learn more about UFTeach at: http://education.ufl.edu/uf-teach/