Preeminent Metrics 2026

UCF

A **Average GPA and SAT score** (for incoming freshmen in Fall semester) (Fall 2025)

4.3 — 4.0

1338 — 1200

B **Public university national ranking** (in more than one national ranking) (2026)

2 — 2+

C **Freshman retention rate** (Summer-Fall full-time, FTIC) (2024-25)

93% — 90%

D **Four year graduation rate** (Summer-Fall full-time, FTIC) (2021-25)

64% — 60%

E **National Academy memberships** (2026)

9 — 6

F **Total research expenditures** (2024-25)

$292 — $200M

G **Non-medical science & engineering research expenditures** (2024-25)

$226 — $150M

H **Top 100 national ranking in 8 broad discipline STEM research expenditures** (includes public & private institutions) (2023-24)

5 of 8 — 5 of 8

I **Patents awarded** (over 3 year period) (2023-25)

194 — 100

J **Doctoral degrees awarded annually** (2024-25)

519 — 400

K **Number of post-doctoral appointees** (Fall 2024)

309 — 200

L **Endowment size** (2024-25)

$267 — $500M

M **Science & engineering research expenditures** (2024-25)

$258 — $50M

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