Frequently Asked Questions about the UF Application

1. I plan to apply, but I’m missing some prerequisites. What should I do?
The prerequisites are courses **REQUIRED** before entering any graduate program. These MUST all be taken before or at the same time as application (and completed before beginning any grad program) – no exceptions.

2. The online application doesn’t have CISE as a choice for my degree program. Now what?
CISE is an acronym for our Computer and Information Science and Engineering Department.
   - **If you plan to apply for an M.S. degree**, in the “Degree Programs” section of the online application, choose “Master’s” as your Degree goal, then either “Computer Science,” “Computer Engineering,” or “Digital Arts and Sciences – Engineering” as your Program of Study. (NOTE: The CS and CE programs are identical in content and requirements toward the degree.)
   - **If you plan to apply for a Ph.D. degree**, in the “Degree Programs” section of the online application, choose “Doctor of Philosophy or Education” as your Degree goal, then “Computer Engineering” as your Program of Study.

3. I’ve finished the UF online application. Is there a supplemental application for the department?
The UF online application is the ONLY application you need to complete. Remember and save your username and password for the UF application – do not share this information with anyone.

4. The UF online application is too long to complete in one sitting – what can I do?
You can save the application any number of times and return to complete it later (you will need your username and password (see Item #3 above) to do so.

5. Can I submit what I have finished and come back later to complete the other parts?
No. The “submit” button should be used ONLY when you have completely finished your application, including all uploaded sections. **BE SURE that you have the application exactly as you want it before you “submit” – NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO YOUR APPLICATION AFTER SUBMISSION – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

6. How do I submit my Statement of Purpose, résumé, transcript, and Letters of Recommendation (LORs) for my UF application?
   - The **Statement of Purpose** must be submitted at the “Degree Programs” section – it cannot be added after “submit” nor can it be sent at a later time.
   - If you’d like to include a **résumé**, upload it at the “Education and Activities” section (Upload Resume). A résumé is optional, but if you’d like our committee to see it, this is the only place where it can be added.
   - Upload your **transcript** at the very end of the “Education and Activities” section. This will be seen by the department. **Do NOT send a paper copy to the department.**
   - Information for the **Letters of Recommendation** is input at the “Recommendations” section. This information may be edited at a later time. **Do NOT have letters sent to the department.**

7. Is there anything that must be mailed/couriered as a hard copy to the University?
As the online application states, you must send a single official copy of your transcript, and/or marksheets, and (if international) your degree certificate to the Grad Admissions office:
   - Graduate Admissions Office
   - University of Florida
   - 201 Criser Hall
   - PO Box 114000
   - Gainesville FL  32611-4000

8. What do I need to mail to the CISE department?
**Nothing.** **DO NOT MAIL any documents to the CISE department.** ALL the application materials the CISE department needs are part of the online UF application – this includes your Statement of Purpose (Personal Statement), résumé, transcript(s), and Letters of Recommendation. The official copy of your transcript, marksheets, and (if international) your degree certificate must be handled as described in Item #7 above.
9. What is the application summary and what do I do with it?
Once you have completed and submitted your application, print the application summary. This will include your
new UFID number, which you will need in the future.

10. How can I check my application status?
You can check your status at the UF Admissions site. You will need a GatorLink account to do so – instructions for
creating the account are here: www.gatorlink.ufl.edu.

11. How can I apply for a scholarship or other financial aid for my graduate studies with the CISE Department?
The CISE Department offers a number of fellowships and teaching/research assistantships for new Ph.D. students
every Fall semester. We also offer an Achievement Award (partial tuition waiver) to qualified M.S. applicants,
subject to continued availability. All Ph.D. and M.S. applicants are automatically considered; you do not need to
apply for financial aid separately.