UNLESS YOU TRY TO DO SOMETHING BEYOND WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY MASTERCED, YOU WILL NEVER GROW.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
Dear Friends,

**BEYOND120** is a new program for students in the University of Florida’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The program’s goals include:

- **ENGAGE OUR STUDENTS EARLY IN THEIR UNIVERSITY CAREERS.**
- **PROMOTE CAREER READINESS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**
- **ENABLE OUR STUDENTS TO CONNECT WITH OUR LARGE GROUP OF ALUMNI FOR OPPORTUNITIES.**
- **COMMUNICATE THE VALUE AND ADAPTABILITY OF A LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE.**

Given the breadth of talent, majors, and course offerings in Liberal Arts and Sciences, this program brings together many existing and additional resources for our students to make their college experiences personally and professionally transformative.

Sincerely,


David E. Richardson  
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
WHO?
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is transforming the way we prepare our students for life after graduation.

WHAT?
**BEYOND120** is a program designed to promote experiential learning and career readiness in Liberal Arts and Sciences undergraduates. We’re developing career and professional development curricula beyond the required 120 credit hours that will connect classroom learning with experiential education opportunities. We’re enhancing undergraduate coursework with international exchange programs for global education. We’re coordinating internships with our alumni to mentor undergraduates on the importance and value of work experience, research, shadowing, and leadership skills.

WHERE?
Career readiness takes place on campus. Internships are held locally, nationally, or globally. International Exchange Programs take students across the globe. Liberal Arts and Sciences has exchange programs with six universities in the U.K. and Australia and is widening the scope. Research occurs in the lab and across the globe, in places such as South America and Africa. CLAS Career Communities will introduce students to broad-based networks of peers and alumni in Gainesville and around the world.
WHY?

To encourage every student to think about a degree as more than just a number of credits. To encourage every student to make the most of their coursework. To think about academic enhancements like combined degrees, minors, and certificates and skill development courses. To make sure every student goes "beyond" the classroom walls to take advantage of experiential learning opportunities that can transform their UF experience. The new Alumni Internship Program connects current undergraduates with internships offered by college alumni. With a network of more than 115,000 living alumni, there is no shortage of amazing connections to be made.

HOW?

- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CAREER READINESS
- ON-CAMPUS LEARNING
- INTERNSHIPS
- GLOBAL EXPERIENCE
- ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT
- CLAS CAREER COMMUNITIES
“Cardiff University’s Exchange Program is very much an experience of independence that allows you to interact with other students from the U.K. Meeting new people, traveling to new places, and having new experiences allowed me to see more of the world than I had expected.”

— Marisa Castro ’19
Psychology major
International Exchange Program, Cardiff, Wales

“My business partner and I regularly employ interns and graduates from the University of Florida. The mixture of high IQ, diversified interest and talent, a strong work ethic, and solid core values that UF students and alumni bring has made us the company we are today.”

— Darin Cook ’87
BS in statistics
CEO and co-founder of Infinite Energy
“It is amazing to have an opportunity to do research with scientists and engineers from around the world. My experiences at UF made this possible by furthering my knowledge of nature, while serving my home, school, and community by being civically engaged.”

— Hector Lacera ’18
Physics major
Intern, CERN high-particle physics lab, Switzerland

“The summer before my sophomore year, I got a civil engineering internship at a Forbes Top-100 company copper mine. I worried because I had zero engineering experience. But my computational skills were really all I needed, as well as the ability to learn quickly and take direction. It taught me that even with majors as broad as mine, I really am qualified to do anything that I desire.”

— Sofia Shepard ’15
Mathematics and Spanish major
Intern, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold
Opportunities for support within Beyond120 include the following program areas:

- **INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS/SHADOW EXPERIENCES**
- **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE/STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**
- **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**
- **ALUMNI MENTORING/ENGAGEMENT**
- **CAREER READINESS OPPORTUNITIES**
- **SKILLS GAPS (SPEAKING, WRITING, NUMERICAL LITERACY, TECHNICAL LITERACY)**
- **ON-CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT (STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS, ETC.)**
- **SERVICE LEARNING/VOLUNTEER/PUBLIC SERVICES**
- **CLAS CAREER COMMUNITIES**

### Giving and Naming Opportunities

**ANY AMOUNT** Support the Beyond120 Fund.

**$500+** Yearly support for promoting and providing service-learning opportunities.

**$3,000+** Travel stipends.

**$30,000+** Named, endowed international exchange and internship scholarships.

**$60,000/YEAR** Career Communities Coordinator. This role would be housed in the Academic Advising Center.

**$100K** Career Communities Speaking Series (a total of nine to correspond to the nine Career Communities).

**$2M** Instructional teaching faculty position for Beyond120.
The “120” refers to the number of credit hours required to earn a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. And, yet, those credits alone won’t prepare a student for the world beyond the University of Florida. What does it mean to move “beyond” 120?

We know the challenges that students face when they leave UF. We also know how much potential lies within each student. The Beyond120 program is designed for students to tap that potential and harness it to prepare for a future of lifelong success as a Liberal Arts and Sciences Gator.

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