





The purpose of this book is to introduce you to life at Full Sail, as well as what you can expect as an international student learning and living in the United States. We are excited to welcome you to our international student community, and want to share the resources available to you.

Students from all over the world come to Full Sail University because they have a vision of a career path in the industry they are passionate about. In addition to beginning an education that is based on professional experience and hands-on learning, you'll encounter a thriving international community and a support system designed to meet its needs.



# PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST



- **Confirmed flight ticket**

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- **Arrival information**
  - Do you have transportation from the Orlando airport to your hotel or apartment?
  - Address of your apartment or hotel
  - Map of Orlando

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- **Emergency contacts**

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- **School contacts**

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- **Documents**
  - Passport – must be valid at least six months from arrival date
  - I-20 form – make sure this is signed and dated
  - SEVIS fee payment confirmation
  - Letter of Verification and Welcome Letter from Full Sail University
  - Evidence of financial resources (bank statement)

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- **Insurance documentation**  
(optional, but recommended)

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- **Accessible funds**
  - Credit/debit card – be sure to contact your bank or card issuer to authorize international transactions
  - Cash
  - Travelers Cheque

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- **Valuables/essential items**
  - Bring in carry-on luggage. Have copies available for any prescriptions you may have. Be sure to check TSA regulations before your flight for restrictions.
  - Carry all documents and tickets with you at all times. Do not check them in with luggage.

# TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION



## Arriving from the Airport

You have a couple of options for transportation from the Orlando International Airport (MCO) to Full Sail University.



## Taxi

This is the easiest way to travel from the airport, but also one of the more expensive. A taxi from the airport to Full Sail costs about 50 USD. Travel time is about 35 to 45 minutes.



## Shuttle Van

This is a reasonable option both in regards to time and cost. The cost is about 27 USD on average and travel time is about an hour. If you have hotel accommodations, they might offer a free shuttle service; please check with them before arrival.

**For additional information on travel options from Orlando International Airport, visit [www.orlandoairports.net](http://www.orlandoairports.net)**

## Public Transportation

The Central Florida area's public transportation service, LYNX, provides bus service throughout Orlando, Winter Park, and surrounding cities and counties. You can view schedules, fares, and more at [www.golynx.com](http://www.golynx.com).

Please note that public transportation in Central Florida is not as comprehensive as it is in other countries, so living close to school and/or obtaining a car or bicycle is recommended.

## Taxi Service

Taxi service is available in Winter Park and Orlando and can be obtained by calling a company directly. Outside of Downtown Orlando, be mindful that arrival times may vary, so it is best to plan your taxi travel ahead of time.



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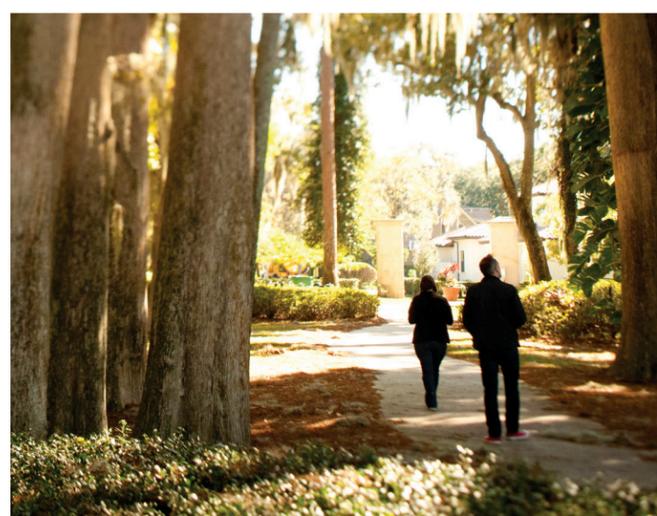
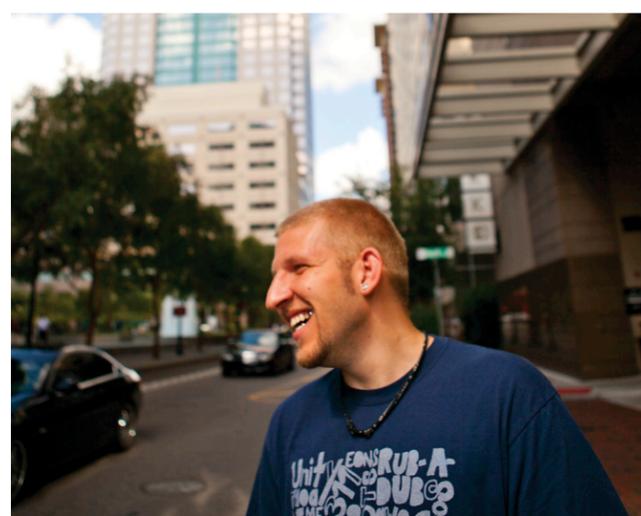
## LIVING IN ORLANDO

Living in Winter Park, a suburb of Orlando, gives you both the conveniences of city life with the unique shops, restaurants, and culture of a smaller town. From concert venues, to comic book stores, to museums, to malls and outlets, there is plenty to do no matter how you like to spend your free time.

If you enjoy experiencing the outdoors, Florida is known for its warm climate year-round – and there are many surrounding places to enjoy it. There are beautiful beaches on the east and west coasts, nature parks offering hiking and biking trails, rivers, and lakes, as well as the attractions and amusement parks that the area is known for.



**18**  
THEME & WATER  
PARKS  
—within—  
2 hours



**30,000**  
LAKES

# FULL SAIL'S CAMPUS

The Full Sail University campus is located in Winter Park, Florida, which is about 10 to 15 minutes north of the city of Orlando. Full Sail is close to several other colleges – including UCF and Rollins College – so groceries, affordable restaurants, laundry facilities, and other businesses that suit a student's lifestyle are nearby.

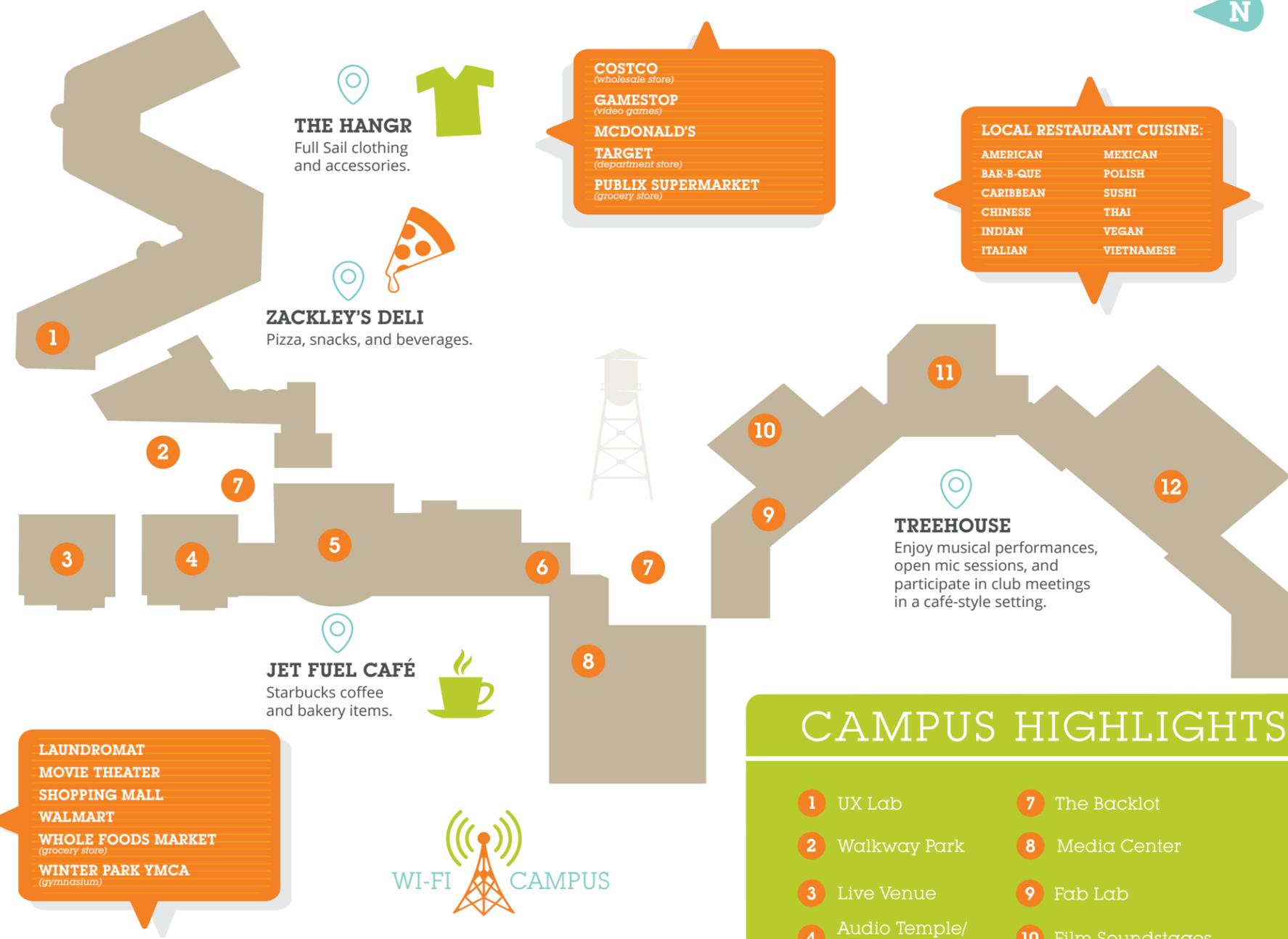
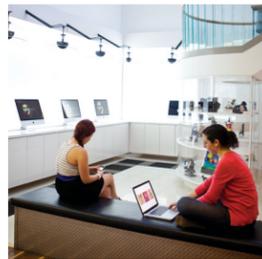


UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD



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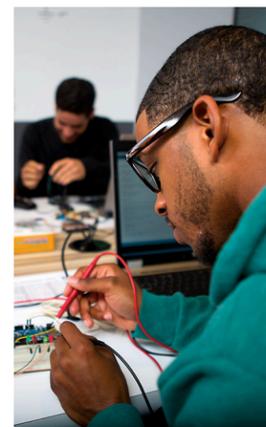
On a bike or on foot, you can easily get to what you need. And with a car (or a friend with a car), you can get to museums, beaches, concerts, conventions – whatever your heart desires.



## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 UX Lab
- 7 The Backlot
- 2 Walkway Park
- 8 Media Center
- 3 Live Venue
- 9 Fab Lab
- 4 Audio Temple/ Game Studio
- 10 Film Soundstages
- 5 Entertainment Business Center
- 11 Computer Art Labs
- 6 Mix Palace
- 12 Treehouse

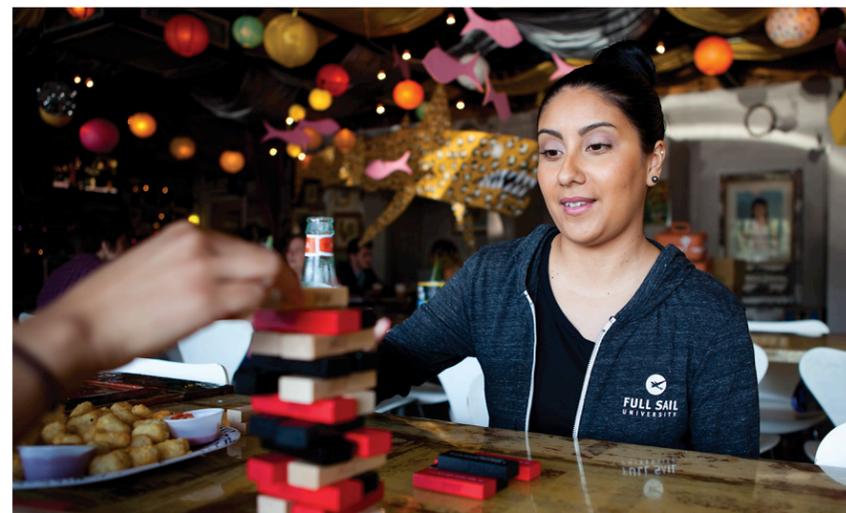
## SEMORAN BOULEVARD



# ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

Making friends in the area will help you build the support and relationships to make the most out of your academic experience.

Full Sail has special clubs and events that are designed to celebrate the diverse cultures of international students, as well as connect students that are new to the country. Ask your International Student Liaison for information on specific student groups and clubs.





# RESOURCES

Here are some of the resources available to you as an international student:



## International Student Center

The staff here can provide you with information on your daily needs, such as opening a bank account and obtaining a driver's license, and can also provide you with assistance and guidance regarding your visa status.



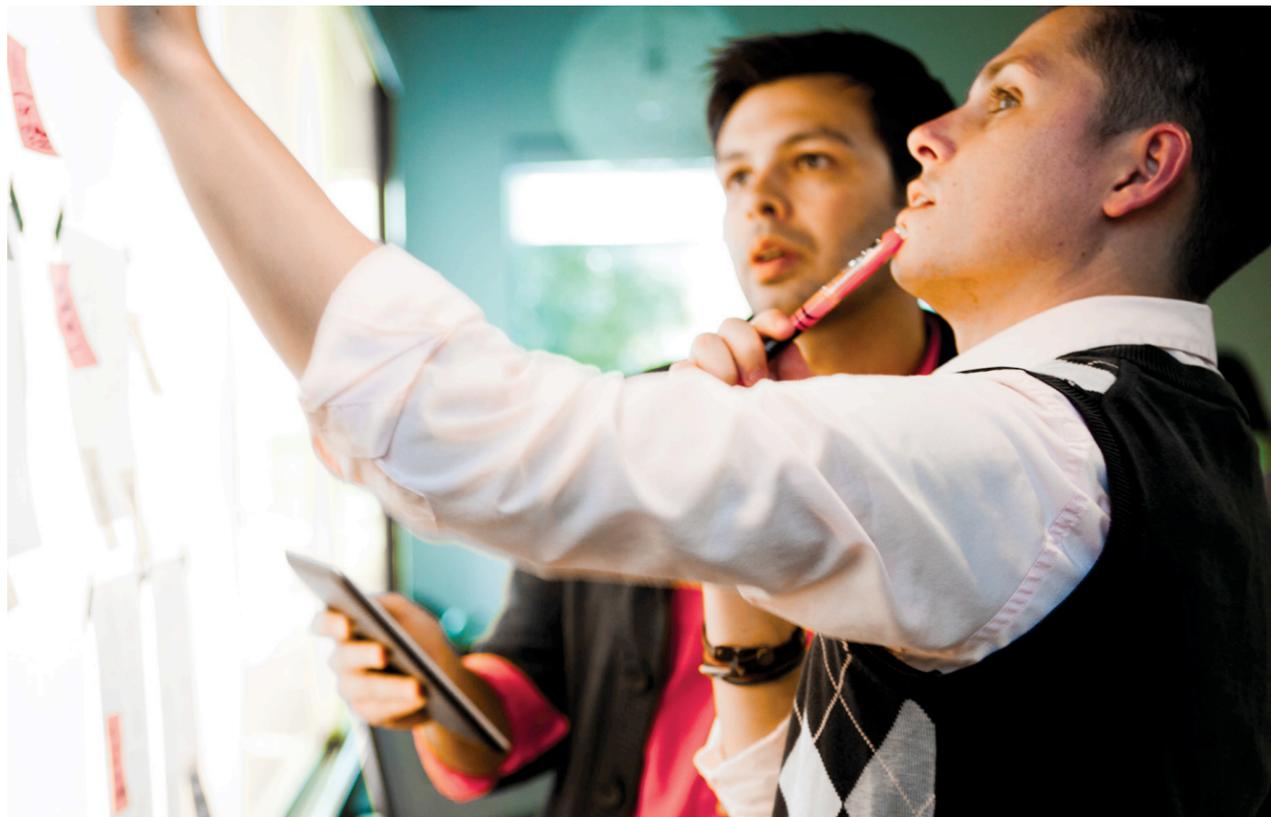
## Housing Handbook

This handbook provides the details of finding and securing an apartment complex close to Full Sail that is familiar with international students' unique situations.



## Scholarship Guide

Our Scholarship Guide provides you with an overview of scholarships for qualified students.



# ESSENTIAL INFO



## Medical care

There are several urgent care (walk-in) clinics close to Full Sail University, including Florida Hospital Winter Park, Centra Care, University Walk-in Medical Center, and Aloma Urgent Care. The nearest hospital is Winter Park Memorial Hospital. If you have access to a local cell phone, dial 911 if you are experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency.

You may want to obtain health insurance while staying in the U.S. as it will dramatically offset your medical costs. Ask your International Liaison for more information on health insurance options.



## Banking

Once you arrive in the U.S., you will want to open a bank account. You will need the following information to do so:

- Passport
- Full Sail Student ID
- I-20
- Proof of U.S. residency
- Proof of residence in your country of origin
- Funds to deposit

Be sure to open at least one checking account, which will allow you to pay bills and make purchases with either a check or a debit card (check card). Ask your banker about any fees related to your account; some banks offer accounts for college students that have lower fees.

Banks near Full Sail include Bank of America, Regions Bank, SunTrust, and Wells Fargo.



## ID card / drivers' license

Instead of carrying your passport around as identification, you should consider obtaining a Florida Identification Card or a Florida Drivers' License from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The law requires you to complete registration with your school and to inform your International Liaison if you apply for a license or ID card before your start date. You will need to bring your passport, two proofs of residential address, your I-20, and a paper copy of your electronic I-94 with you when you apply.



## Cell phones

Most cell phone providers require a social security number to establish service. However, many offer pre-paid options that do not require credit or a contract. Common cell phone carriers in the United States include AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, and Sprint.



# ESSENTIAL LOCATIONS

## Medical care

1. **Winter Park Memorial Hospital**  
200 N Lakemont Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
+1.407.646.7425
2. **Aloma Walk-In Clinic**  
7480 Aloma Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
+1.407.657.7799
3. **University Walk-In Medical Center**  
11550 University Boulevard  
Orlando, Florida 32817  
+1.407.282.2044
4. **Oviedo Walk-In Medical Center**  
8010 Red Bug Lake Road  
Oviedo, Florida 32765  
+1.407.977.4544

## Banking

5. **SunTrust Bank**  
3191 University Boulevard  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
+1.407.671.8200
6. **Wells Fargo Bank**  
4010 North Goldenrod Road  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
+1.407.657.3142
7. **Regions Bank**  
7562 University Boulevard  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
+1.407.657.1711
8. **Bank of America**  
1905 Aloma Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32792  
+1.407.678.1924
9. **Chase Bank**  
7315 University Blvd  
Winter Park, FL 32792  
+407.677.7896

## ID card / drivers' license

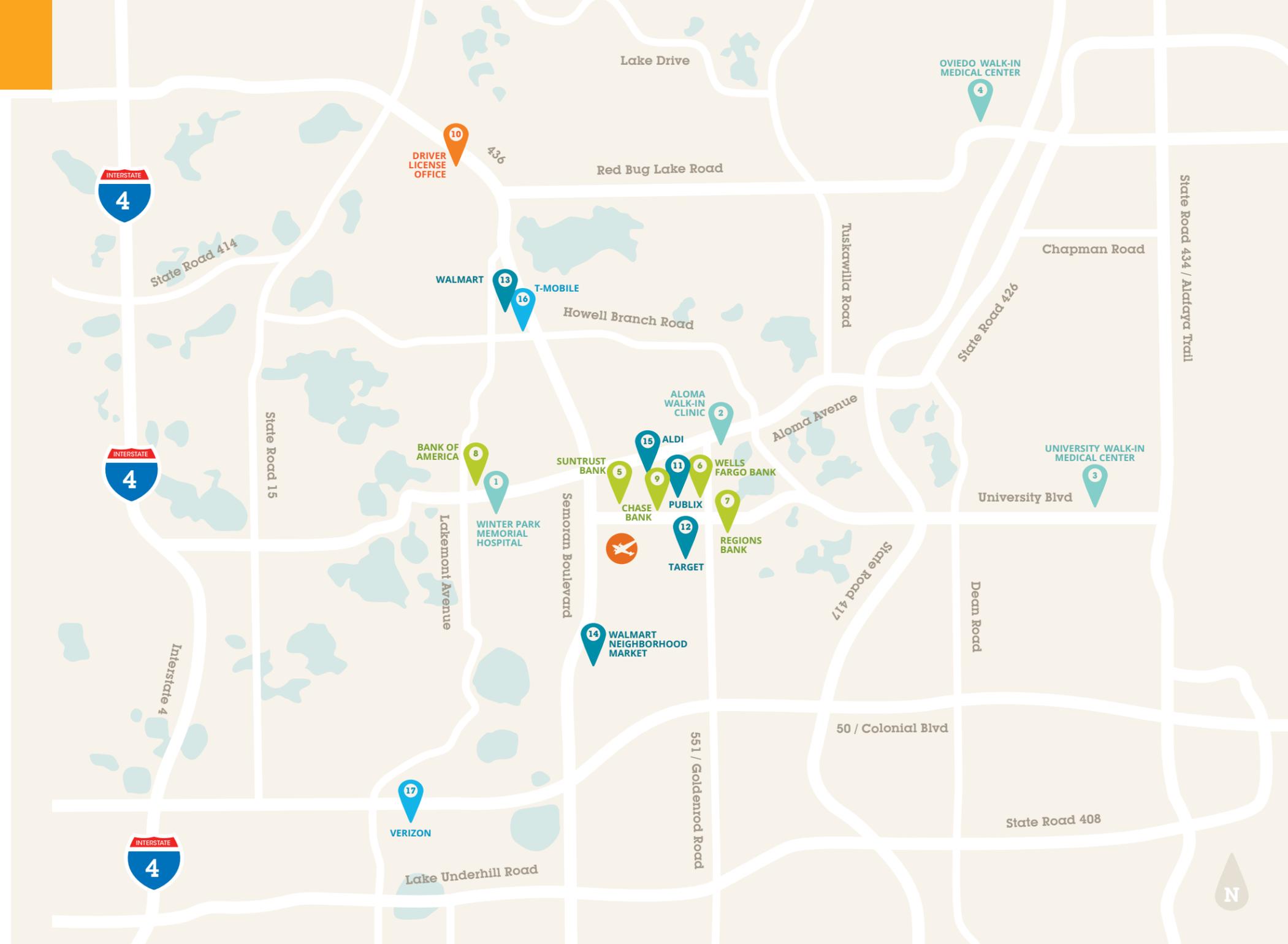
10. **Driver License Office**  
104 Wilshire Boulevard  
Casselberry, Florida 32707  
+1.407.665.1000

## Grocery Stores

11. **Publix**  
4000 N Goldenrod Rd  
Winter Park, FL, 32792
12. **Target**  
3770 N Goldenrod Rd  
Winter Park, FL 32792
13. **Walmart**  
1239 State Road 436 #101  
Casselberry, FL 32707
14. **Walmart Neighborhood Market**  
2271 N Semoran Blvd  
Orlando, FL 32807
15. **Aldi**  
6766 Aloma Ave  
Winter Park, FL 32792

## Cell phones

16. **T-Mobile**  
2525 Howell Branch Road Suite 1001n  
Casselberry, Florida 32707  
+1.407.657.4647
17. **Verizon**  
3742 East Colonial Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32803  
+1.407.894.5770



# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE



## Your Classes

One of the reasons why your learning experience at Full Sail is unique is that it moves at the same fast pace as the entertainment and media industry. That means many of your courses are delivered on a month-to-month basis, and your class time will be spent working on projects using the technology found in your industry.

This experience gives you an authentic introduction to your future career path, and your employers will know you have already become familiarized in professional environments.



## Campus Events

The Full Sail campus hosts a variety of exciting events, including industry speakers, recruiting events, award ceremony celebrations, and the annual Hall of Fame celebration.



## Real-World Opportunities

From assisting with production on the nationally syndicated Daily Buzz morning show (filmed on campus), to working alongside ESPN staff members on video and graphics projects, to designing motion graphics for the Orlando Magic NBA team, some of our students are able to gain experience on projects that gain a lot of exposure.



## Intensive English

Full Sail University is proud to offer Intensive English (IE) courses of study on campus for students who are preparing to enroll in a Full Sail degree program.

# SAFETY TIPS

Your safety is our foremost priority. Here are a few simple precautions that can help minimize your risk:



If you walk or bike to class, travel with a friend or classmate and always stay in well-lit and highly visible areas. Don't do anything that would impair your senses (e.g., listening to loud music on headphones). Remain aware of your surroundings at all times.



If you have a car, remove all expensive/important belongings any time you park your car. Lock the doors on your car and in your apartment, including sliding glass doors.



Always carry your purse or bag close to your body. Do not leave luggage unattended or with a person you do not know.



Obtain renters insurance. This is a very inexpensive way to safeguard your belongings.



Be sure to back up all your data. You will spend a lot of time and effort on your projects and you don't want to lose all of this work because of an issue with your computer.

For more information and resources on safety and security, please go to the Orange County Sheriff's website at [www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com).



# GETTING STARTED AT FULL SAIL

Before you begin your first day of class, you'll go through an on-boarding process to prepare for your courses and your Full Sail experience, which will include the following sessions/orientations:

- Registration
- International orientation
- Introductory workshops
- Getting your schedule

If you have any additional questions about your transition to the U.S., don't hesitate to contact your International Liaison or email [liaisons@fullsail.com](mailto:liaisons@fullsail.com). We are here to help!

## Connect with us Online



Full Sail students, grads, and staff stay connected through social media such as Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook – as well as other communities outside the U.S.



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