

Report #3: Navigators and Activities

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First, I would like to introduce Navigators. It is a student organization that helps international exchange students settle down their new lives at the UF. Around 2 months before the semester begins, it would send you an email asking you whether you would like to sign up for it. Normally, each exchange student would have 2 UF students who can give you advice about how to prepare for studies and personal items and assist you in adjusting the new life at the UF. Each semester, Navigators hold many activities where local and exchange students can participate together. In the beginning of the semester, for example, they took me and other exchange students to Walmart, the largest retail store in the US. At Walmart, you can purchase household furniture, cooking utensils and even vitamin and snacks.

During my studies at the UF, I went to an Orlando trip organized by Navigators. My friends and I had so much fun in Universal Studio and Islands of Adventure. The former is a movie-theme park where tourists can take many facilities that are relevant to popular movies such as Mummy and Shrek. Islands of Adventure is also a fun place to visit. It has Harry Potter theme park, Hulk and Spiderman facilities.

