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The University of Florida is located in sunny Gainesville, consistently ranked one of the top ten best places to live in the U.S. by Money magazine for the past five years. In fact, it is ranked as the #1 U.S. city in which to live in the 2007 issue of *Cities Ranked and Rated* by Bert Sperling and Peter Sandler (Wiley Publishing, Inc.). Gainesville, situated in north-central Florida, is served by several airlines and bus lines. It is located along the I-75, 1 hour south of I-10 and 2 hours north of Orlando and Tampa. The Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico are within a 2-hour drive. A combined state university and land-grant college, the University of Florida has sixteen upper-division colleges and schools and four professional colleges (dentistry, law, medicine, and veterinary medicine).

The College of Engineering consists of eleven degree-granting departments. The chemical engineering department's graduate study and research emphasize chemical engineering science (transport phenomena, thermodynamics, kinetics and catalysis, interfacial phenomena, and materials science), chemical engineering systems (chemical and biochemical reaction engineering, computer-aided design, optimization, and control), and interdisciplinary chemical engineering (electrochemical engineering, microelectronics, biomedical interfaces, and cell and tissue engineering).