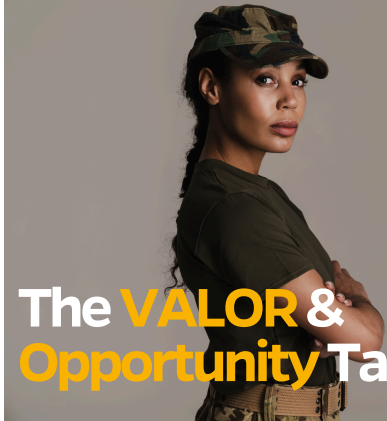




# Online STEM Degrees

BS, MS, & PhD programs in Microbiology & Cell Science (MCS)



The **VALOR & Opportunity** Task Force

B.S., M.S., Ph.D.  
Earn <sup>^</sup>while you serve.



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## Why become a **GATOR?**

UF has a longstanding tradition of support to U.S. military members.

UF online degrees are nationally recognized - ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the No. 1 program for veterans and active-duty service members (2 years in a row). Overall, the online bachelor's degree program was ranked the No. 2 program in the U.S. (2024), with paths for both traditional and non-traditional students.

UF achieves **No. 1** ranking for online bachelor's degrees for **veterans and active duty** (2024)



### Learn more about our **Task Force**

The Valor & Opportunity Task Force is built of faculty, students, and advisors dedicated to building a strong academic community for military-affiliated students across our Online MCS programs, including Active-Duty, Reserve, National Guard, Veterans, Military Spouses, Dependents, and Civil Servants.

**Email us at:** [mcs-valor@ufl.edu](mailto:mcs-valor@ufl.edu).

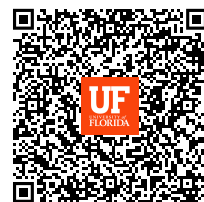


## #1 STEP: GET IN TOUCH.



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Here, at the Microbiology & Cell Science Department at UF, we have taught thousands of students in the online classroom. Our military-affiliated students are among the best and brightest, equipped for success. Fill out the contact form at left, to ensure you get the dedicated support you deserve.



### Take the **first step.**



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**GROW STRONGER.  
GROW SMARTER.**

**Online B.S.** Join a network of 400,000+ Gator Nation Alumni!

Earn your B.S. 100% online while gaining access to the same high-quality education as on-campus. All required courses, e.g., foundational, core, general education, and electives, are available fully online. Students with an A.A. can apply to transfer, provided they have completed the necessary prerequisites. UF Online has ranked among the “Top 5 in Online” for the past 7 years.

**LEARN MORE:** <https://ufonline.ufl.edu>

**The value of a B.S. in microbiology?**

**\$81,990 median annual pay  
+7% expected job growth (10 years)**



## DID YOU KNOW?

**NOT IN FL? NOT A PROBLEM:** Active duty service members, regardless of where they are stationed, are **eligible for in-state tuition.**

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**THE SAME UF DEGREE:** UF Online students can save up to 40% in costs while earning the same degree as on-campus students.

**SIMPLER APPLICATION PROGRESS:** No GRE is required to apply to our M.S. graduate program! Admissions are made year-round.

**NEWLY LAUNCHED REMOTE PH.D.:** The first graduate of our distance Ph.D. program now serves as Director of the Valor & Opportunity Task Force. In this selective program, students “match” with participating faculty to craft their dissertation and establish their path.

## Online M.S. & Graduate Certificates

Elevate your career with an M.S. in microbiology, with courses offered year-round and applications to the program reviewed on a rolling basis. Graduate certificates are offered in medical microbiology, environmental microbiology, and the microbiome. Campus visits are not required, although a one-week, intensive lab is available for those craving the campus experience.

## Distance Ph.D.

Earn your doctoral degree remotely under the mentorship of MCS faculty. Distance Ph.D. students “match” with a participating professor who will design a dissertation project **tailored** to their skillset and goals. The program can be completed in as little as 4–6 years, with part-time options allowing students to continue working and graduate in 7–8 years. This program is particularly well-suited for applicants with bioinformatics or statistical expertise.

## Research Opportunities

UF is a premier research institution. Our faculty conduct research in major areas of **Health, National Security, and Space & Extreme Environments.**

**Did you know?** UF’s partnership with NVIDIA to develop HiPerGator3 (one of the world’s fastest and most powerful supercomputers) advances AI research to solve global challenges.

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