

Report #2: Basic Needs

The University of Florida

- **Cell phone:** I subscribed to the AT&T wireless prepaid plan, which costs \$25 monthly. The plan offers unlimited texting and 250-minute talking. Beware that even if someone calls you, you still have to pay some fees.
- **Bank account:** I applied for a Wells Fargo bank account on campus. Wells Fargo is a very large bank, which has many branches in the US. Since the university has cooperated with Wells Fargo, I suggest students apply for it.



- **Weather:** Florida is a so-called sunshine state. It is very hot between summers and falls. It does not begin cooling down until November. And then sometimes the temperature may drop to 38 degrees Fahrenheit, or 3 degrees Celsius. I still recommend bringing summer clothes and few winter clothes in case it gets chilly in winter.



- **Textbooks:** Textbooks are very expensive in the US. Be prepared to bring from Taiwan the required textbooks for the classes you will take. Alternatively, you could buy them at the UF Bookstore at Reizts Union, or other bookstores on the University Ave. You could also buy the books at Amazon where you exploit student premium membership to get them as fast as in 2 days.