

LIFE (Fall, 2026) Curriculum Schedule (4/10/26)

*CF: Cape Florida Ballroom, SU 3rd Floor

Date	Time	Room	Lecture Title	Speaker
9/8/2026	9:00 AM	CF	250th Declaration of Independence	David Head, Ph.D. Department of History Lecturer, UCF
	10:30 AM		American Violin Soloist	Ilana Zaks-Nederlander
9/15/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Optics and Photonics	Stephen Eikenberry
	10:30 AM		Wine- Rosen College of Hospitality Management	Jennifer Hostetter Foodservice and Lodging Management Rosen College of Hospitality Management, UCF
9/22/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Bringing Democracy to Life: How You Can Help	Karen Castor Dentel Orange County Supervisor of Elections
	10:30 AM		Space Medicine	Emmanuel Urquieta Associate Professor Medicine UCF Department of Medicine
9/29/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Recovery Is Not Linear: The Long View from the Patient Side	Brandon Watson Certified Recovery Peer Support
	10:30 AM		Behind the Scenes: Secrets of a Chocolate Artist	Paul Joachim Chocolate Genius
10/6/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Our legacy	Dee Woolford Dee Public Relations Specialist
	10:30 AM		Blockchains	Cuneyt Akcora Associate Professsor Department of Finance, UCF
10/13/2026	9:00 AM	CF	UCF Student Research Week	Tyler Fisher Director Academic Program Graduate Studies, UCF
	10:30 AM		Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean	Dr. Ken Hanson Coordinator & Abe and Tess Wise Endowed Professor of Judaic Studies
10/20/2026	9:00 AM	CF	UCF Athletics	Brodrick Johnson Assistant Athletics Director, Knights Leadership Academy
	10:30 AM		Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Symptoms, Treatments, and Hope	Jennifer Seminerio Director of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Associate Professor of Medicine AdventHealth Orlando

10/27/2026	9:00 AM	CF		
	10:30 AM		LIFE at UCF Gerontology Research Grant Receptients	<u>Samantha Gmitro</u> Graduate Researcher and Data Science Specialist <u>Rui Xie</u> Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Computational and Applied Sciences <u>Xueqiang Wang</u> Associate Professor of Engineering and Applied Research
11/3/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Gems of Historical Architecture: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida	Jonathan Rich, Author
	10:30 AM		Russian Informational Warfare in The MENA Region: Implications and Effectiveness	Dr. Autumn Perkey Assistant Professor in the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs UCF
11/10/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Dietary Supplements: Myths, Mechanisms, and Red Flags in an Age of Misinformation.	Kworweinski Lafontant Kinesiology PhD, UCF
	10:30 AM		U.S Territories	Adi Martinez-Roman Co-founder and Co-Director of Right to Democracy
11/17/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Rembrandt	Jan Clanton Historian
	10:30 AM			
11/24/2026	9:00 AM	CF	Supportintg K-16 educators in the field of civics and government teaching	Stephen S. Masyada, Ph.D. COS Faculty Fellow for Assessment Director Florida Joint Center for Citizenship, Director- The Lou Frey Institute
	10:30 AM			
* Due to rennovations in the Pegasus Ballroom, LIFE at UCF will be in Cape Florida for Fall, 2026				