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# UPHABET

The Uphabet is your A-to-Z guide to all things 'Canes — from campus quirks to unique lingo to the occasional Snapchat memory you'd rather forget. Whether you're a first-year figuring out what a 'Cane Kickoff is or a senior who's survived more rainstorms than finals, this alphabet breaks down the traditions, slang and spirit that make life at the "U" so unique.



# A

**A•CA•I BOWLS** / the best (or worst) \$15 you can spend  
**A•LIX EARLE** / the reason we're famous  
**A•LUM•NI** / university milks them for all their money  
**ALL A•BOUT THE U** / the most self-obsessed phrase  
**ALL NI•CHTER** / because you procrastinated studying until the night before the test  
**AL•MA MA•TER** / you *might* know the words  
**ART BA•SEL** / does anyone actually go for the art?



# B

**BAND OF THE HO•UR** / loud at 6 a.m. outside your window but can't hear them from the student section at halftime  
**BAR•A•CUDD•A'S** / where your ears go to bleed  
**BAR•SEC•CO** / white girl wasted from bottomless mimosas  
**BIRTH•DAY BOAT** / celebrate in the most self-absorbed way  
**BOAT BURN•ING** / more like a bomb goes off in the middle of the lake  
**BREEZE•WAY** / get harassed by student orgs and people selling jewelry (or the occasional girl scout)



# C

**CAM WARD** / if only we had a better defense  
**CANE CARD** / you will lose it at the worst possible time  
**CANE•ZONE** / athlete superiority complex dining hall  
**CEN•TEN•NIAL** / any excuse to party all year long  
**CEN•TEN•NIAL VILL•AGE** / why do the freshman get the best stuff?  
**CHAT G•P•T** / we should just give it an honorary degree at this point  
**CHEGG** / for when you're really desperate  
**CLUB SPACE** / good luck getting in if you're a guy



# D

**DADE•LAND MALL** / be real you're only going for cheesecake factory  
**DAR•TY (DAY PAR•TY)** / get blacked at 2 p.m. and sunburnt by 3 p.m.  
**DE•NNY'S** / where you go if you got back to campus too late for late night dining (or if you're high)  
**D•HALL** / deliciously mid  
**D•J THURS•DAYS** / John Summit wannabees  
**DU•O MO•BILE** / rip  
**DU•O LIN•GO** / what you tell yourself you'll use before study abroad



# E

**EA•SY A** / classes you take (comms) when you need a grade booster  
**EA•TON** / the middle child of on-campus housing  
**ED•U•CA•TION** / the "real" reason you came to miami  
**E•LEC•TRIC SCOO•TERS** / get run over by a 6-foot-5 football player on your walk to class  
**EM•PA•THE•TIC** / what you wish your professors were  
**EX•TRA CRE•DIT** / cry to your professor so they don't fail you

**FI•NAL•LY FRI•DAY** / casually admitting to the world we're alcoholics  
**FRAT PAR•TY** / elevated surfaces and bad decisions  
**FREE STUFF** / cause everyone likes free crap they'll never use  
**FREE•BEE** / why walk when you can wait 45 minutes to have a car drive you across the street  
**FROST•IES** / derogatory word for frost students  
**FAC•TOR•Y TOWN** / rave at 6 a.m., class at 9 a.m.



**GAME-DAY** / rise of the striped overalls  
**GI•GI THE I•BIS** / the hottest ibis in town  
**CLI•DERS** / get eaten alive by bug bites while pretending to lock in  
**GRA•DU•A•TION** / Watsco Center disco core  
**COO•GLE DRIVE** / the most disorganized place to ever exist  
**GROUP•ME** / where every club sends you messages you never read  
**CRWM** / not a single person cares  
**THE GROVE** / Thursday nights and Sunday morning are where it's at



**HAM•MOCKS** / why can't they leave the finals hammocks up all year?  
**HARD ROCK STA•DI•UM** / an hour drive away to leave by halftime  
**HOME•COM•ING** / better fireworks than the centennial celebration  
**HOU•SING LOT•TER•Y** / Hunger Games of housing selection (ensure sure you have stable wifi)  
**HUNG•O•VER** / Friday morning classes build character  
**HUR•RI•CANE** / we will rebuild



**I•BIS** / yes they're an actual bird  
**ICE CREAM** / why can't they bring it back to late night?  
**I•CLICK•ER** / never in your bag for attendance  
**I'M LOCK•ING IN** / what we say before scrolling on TikTok for an hour  
**IN•FLU•EN•CER** / 2,000 followers and a dream  
**IN•SOM•NI•A COO•KIES** / nothing satisfies the night munchies more  
**IN•STA•GRAM** / curated feeds to make each other jealous  
**I•RON AR•ROW** / no comment (pls let me in)



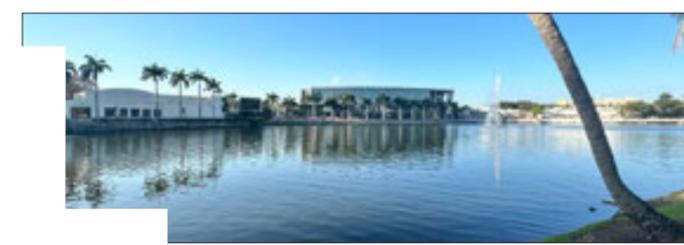
**"J" NAMES** / not to be trusted  
**JAP (JEW•ISH A•MER•I•CAN PRIN•CESS)** / the president of Hillel said it was okay to publish this  
**JOE E•CHE•VER•RI•A** / UMiami is his entire personality atp  
**JOUR•NA•LISTS** / the nosiest bitches on campus  
**JU•LI•O FRENK** / gone but not forgotten  
**JUN•GLE JUICE** / zero clue what's in here  
**JUST CAUSE** / we had nothing else to put here



**KA•SE•YA CEN•TER** / \$50 they change the name again in the next few years  
**KA•RA•O•KE** / 'Cudas vs. The Rat  
**KEY BIS•CANE** / far superior to Miami Beach  
**KEY WEST** / Halloween goes hard here  
**KIDS ON CAM•PUS** / menaces to the food court  
**KIT•TENS** / the only ones getting free housing



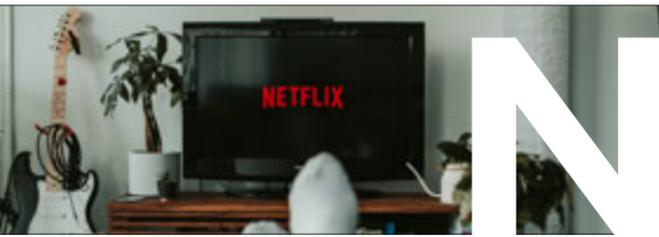
**LATE NIGHT DI•NING** / best spot for people watching  
**LAKE OS•CE•OLA** / no, you can't swim in it  
**LAUN•DRY ROOM** / the room that occasionally catches on fire  
**LAW ROOM** / not a singular law student studies here  
**LEC•TURE** / a scheduled hour to get your online shopping done  
**LOWE ART MU•SEUM** / you went for class, that's it  
**LYGC (LOVE YOU, GO 'CANES)** / gotta always remind them





# M

**MA•HO•NEY** / like Pearson but better  
**MAR•KET WED•NES•DAY** / wait in the heat for overpriced fruit  
**MI•AMI MA•NI•AC** / why does baseball get its own mascot?  
**MILK•SHAKE** / the ones served at Mark Light Stadium are superior  
**MON•EY** / rich students like to pretend they don't have it  
**MON•TY'S** / superior happy hour drinks  
**MUS•CO•VY DUCKS** / don't dare look at them wrong  
**MU•SIC WEEK** / all music, no sleep, lots of drugs



# N

**NAIL SA•LON** / nothing says Miami more than having one on campus  
**NAP TIME** / should be made mandatory smh  
**NET•FLIX** / the one streaming service you can't access anymore on your parent's account  
**NET•FLIX AND CHILL** / a bold face lie  
**NO NUT NO•VEM•BER** / a frat guy's worst nightmare  
**NO-SHOW PRO•FES•SORS** / did you know you can leave after 15 minutes (we did not verify if this is actually true)



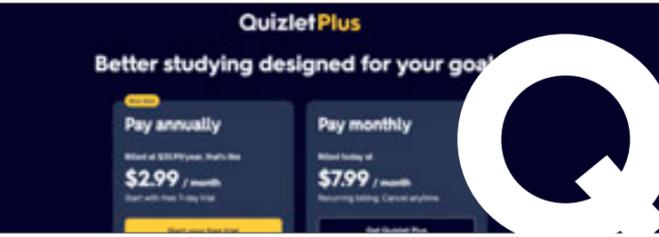
# O

**O•A•SIS LOUNGE** / when Sandbar is dead  
**OFF CAM•PUS HOU•SING** / goodbye security deposit  
**OFF•ICE HOURS** / you either go all the time or never, no in-between  
**ON•LY•FANS** / cause tuition is too damn high  
**OR•ANGE AND GREEN** / unlikely color combination but still works  
**OR•ANGE UM•BREL•LA** / basically a full advertising job with no pay  
**OR•IE•N•TA•TION** / where you meet your future ex-situationship



# P

**PAN•CAKES WITH PAT** / breakfast at 9 p.m. but it still slaps  
**PA•TIO JAMS** / always playing when you're trying to study  
**PEARSON** / like Mahoney but better  
**PE•RO LIKE** / spanglish slang 101  
**PIT•CHER** / average Tuesday afternoon activity at the Rat  
**PRE•GAME** / did you really go out if you didn't pre?  
**PRE•SID•ENT'S 100** / cargo pants, water bottle and a dream  
**PU•RA VI•DA** / money down the drain, but at least you're being healthy



# Q

**QUAL•TRIX** / far inferior to Google Forms  
**QUA•VO** / shoulda just brought him back for Homecoming this year  
**QU•IET HOURS** / not a single person observes these  
**QUIT** / when the going gets too tough  
**QUIZ** / not as serious as a test so u definitely don't need to study...right?  
**QUIZ•LET** / why tf did they start charging people to use it?  
**QWICK•LY** / drop the code in the chat



# R

**RATH•SKEL•LER** / get plastered in between classes  
**RED CUP** / do something crazy enough you might just get posted  
**RED ROADS** / at least they're close to campus  
**RE•GA•TTA** / don't use your fake here  
**RE•SID•ENT•IAL COL•LEGE** / cause we can't just call them "dorms"  
**RIC•HTER** / you either cry here or nap here  
**THE ROCK** / free samples and two hour lines  
**RSMAS** / technically it's rsmaes but that's dumb so we're not using that



# S

**SAND•BAR** / a freshman canon event  
**SE•BAS•TIAN THE I•BIS** / our king  
**SHA•LA•LA** / be real Starbucks is the only reason you're here  
**STORM A•LERT** / class of 2027 'Canes take flight trauma flashbacks  
**SUN•DAY SCA•RIES** / your group project can definitely wait until the night before it's due to get started  
**SY•LLY WEEK** / kick the semester off by being drunk for a whole week  
**THE STACKS** / people have sex here...allegedly

**TAIL•GATE** / you most likely won't make it to the game  
**THIR•STY THURS•DAY** / we love cute names for alcoholism  
**THE•SIS** / overflow housing in a luxury hotel  
**TIK•TOK** / spend hours editing to only get 100 views  
**TRI•VI•A TUES•DAYS** / you're random fun facts actually are valuable here (so pls stop telling them to me unprompted)  
**TOP•PEL** / have they ever actually gotten someone an internship?  
**TU•BA GUY** / why can we hear your damn tuba from across the lake

**U•BER** / guys the Uber's already downstairs  
**UL•TRA** / an easy way to drop a grand  
**UN•HIN•GED** / you had one mimosa be for real  
**U•NI•VER•SITY VIL•LAGE** / somehow more expensive than living in luxury off-campus housing  
**U•S I** / good luck trying to cross without getting hit  
**U•V IN•DEX** / if it's above eight you're def skipping class  
**UM•BREL•LA** / if you don't have one in your bag at all times wud?

**VAPE** / cigarettes but make it taste like cotton candy  
**VE•NE•TIAN POOL** / go once on the freshman trip and never again  
**VEN•MO** / whoever puts the meal on their card is definitely not getting the full amount back ever  
**VI•CKY'S** / best cafecito hands down  
**VIR•AL** / better feeling than getting an A on a test  
**VIZ•CA•YA** / only going for the Insta flics  
**VOL•LEY•BALL** / how do y'all have time to play volleyball every night?

**WAT•SCO** / the only thing that sells it out is Disney on Ice  
**WEED** / all the hallways in the dorms smell like it  
**WELL•NESS CEN•TER** / get swole and get judged  
**WHIT•TEN** / Taylor Swift class and anatomy lecture in the same room  
**WORK HARD, PLAY HARD** / favorite excuse to go out on a Wednesday  
**W•V•U•M** / bet you forgot we had a radio station  
**WYN•WOOD** / the grafitti isn't even real

**XAN•NY** / take a chill pill...literally  
**X•A•VIER RE•STRE•PO** / if only we had a better defense Part 2  
**X•MAS** / a Jewish person's favorite holiday (i'm Jewish i can write this it's totally fine)  
**X•RA•TED** / our entire presence  
**X•RAY** / for when you fall off of the table  
**XYL•O•PHONE** / don't judge us we really struggled with coming up with words for "x" you try it and get back to us

**Y•ALL** / when northerners try to act like they're from the south  
**YEAR•BOOK** / you're welcome  
**YIK•YAK** / who knows how much of it is actually true?  
**YO•GA** / basic bitch energy  
**YO•LO** / convince yourself a bad decision is a good one  
**YOU GOOD?** / maybe it's time to head home

**ZELLE** / superior to Venmo and y'all arent ready to admit it  
**ZIP•CAR** / preferred hotbox location  
**ZOOM PODS** / biggest waste of money in the library  
**ZOOM CLAS•SES** / not a single person is paying attention  
**ZOO** / number one frat fundraiser  
**ZYN** / included in every douchebag starter pack

