

# Jon Sumrall

Florida Gators Football Head Coach | Program Builder | SEC toughness + player development | 3x conference titles in first 4 seasons

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## CAREER RECORDS

Head Coach — Troy University  
NCAA Division I | 3 seasons | 23W-4L (85.2%)

Head Coach — University of Tulane  
NCAA Division I | 2 seasons | 20W-8L (71.4%)

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## Biography

Jon Sumrall was named the 31st head football coach in University of Florida history on Nov. 30, 2025. He arrived in Gainesville after rapid program-building success at Troy and Tulane, where his teams reached conference championship games in each of his first four seasons as a head coach. Across those four seasons, Sumrall went 43–12, won back-to-back Sun Belt titles at Troy, won the 2025 American Athletic Conference championship at Tulane, and led Tulane to a College Football Playoff berth.

A former Kentucky linebacker, Sumrall was a three-year letterwinner from 2002–04, led the Wildcats with 72 tackles as a redshirt junior, earned SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition, and was selected to the Frank G. Ham Society of Character. After earning his finance degree in 2005, he began coaching as a Kentucky graduate assistant under Rich Brooks, then built a defensive and player-development resume across San Diego, Tulane, Troy, Ole Miss, Kentucky, Troy, Tulane, and Florida.

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## Statement

Jon Sumrall builds tough, connected, player-first football programs rooted in accountability, competition, and development. In four seasons as a head coach at Troy and Tulane, his teams won 43 games, captured three conference championships, and reached a conference title game every season. At Florida, Sumrall brings SEC playing and coaching experience, a defensive edge, and a clear standard for explosive, complementary football.

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## Achievement

2022 Sun Belt Coach of the Year  
Sun Belt Announces 2022 Football Postseason Awards & All-Conference Teams. In his first season at the helm, Sumrall led Troy to a nine-game winning streak to close out the regular season, earning the Sun Belt West Division crown and the right to host the Hercules Tires Sun Belt Football Championship Game in the process. The Trojans, who entered the year coming off three-straight five-win seasons, are bowl eligible for the first time since 2018 at 10-2.

2025 American Athletic Conference Champion

University of Tulane  
The 2025 American Athletic Conference football champion is Tulane, winning the title by defeating the North Texas Mean Green 34-21 in the Championship Game on December 5, 2025.

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## Education

University of Kentucky  
Finance at University of Kentucky  
Playing and leadership foundation: Kentucky linebacker, SEC Academic Honor Roll, Frank G. Ham Society of Character.

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## Feature

Florida hires Tulane's Jon Sumrall as new football coach  
Stressing the need for a "dynamic" offense amid championship expectations, the Florida Gators hired Tulane's Jon Sumrall as their new football coach on Sunday.

Tulane Takes Down North Texas for Second American Conference Title  
The No. 20 Tulane football team (11-2) achieved the program's second consecutive historic victory with a 34-21 win over No. 24 North Texas (11-2) on Friday night, Jan. 5, at Yulman Stadium, securing a spot in the 2025 American Conference Championship.

"Sumrall wins SEC Coach of the Year within 3 years" - McElroy  
Greg McElroy details Jon Sumrall's first spring game as Florida's head coach and his honest assessment of a program in transition, a wide-open QB competition, and a recruiting surge happening in real time.

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## PRINCIPLES

- Toughness and accountability
  - Relentless competitive spirit
  - Player development at the center of the program
  - Recruit and connect through authentic relationships
  - Build an explosive, complementary football identity
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## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Mario Williams  
Tulane University | Football  
Wide Receiver

Patrick Durkin  
Tulane University | Football  
Special Teams, Kicker

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## ATHLETIC CAREER

Linebacker — University of Kentucky  
NCAA Division I | Football | 2002 - 2004  
- University of Kentucky linebacker, 2002–04.

- Three-year letterwinner; led Kentucky with 72 tackles as a redshirt junior.
  - SEC Academic Honor Roll; Frank G. Ham Society of Character selection.
  - Grissom High School four-year letterwinner and two-time all-Alabama selection.
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## COACHING CAREER

### Head Coach — University of Florida

SEC | Football | 2025

Leads SEC program as Florida's 31st head coach.

### Head Coach — Tulane University

| Football | 2024 - 2025

Went 20-8 across two seasons; led Tulane to back-to-back league title game appearances, 2025 American title, and CFP berth.

### Head Coach — Troy University

NCAA Division I | Football | 2022 - 2023

Went 23-4 with back-to-back Sun Belt championships and consecutive 12/11-win seasons.

### Co-Defensive Coordinator — University of Kentucky

NCAA Division I | Football | 2019 - 2021

Returned to alma mater and advanced into co-defensive coordinator role.

### Linebackers Coach — Ole Miss University

SEC | Football | 2018 - 2018

SEC defensive position coach stop.

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