

# Florida Gators 2009 College Football Predictions

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Florida Gators 2009 College Football Predictions: After steamrolling through the final 10 games of the 2008 season (outscored opponents 469 to 131) on their way to claiming their second Bowl championship Series National Title in the last three years, the University of Florida Gators seem perfectly positioned to bring another championship to Gainesville. The college football predictions experts at online sportsbook SBG Global has the Florida Gators listed at +150 odds to win the 2010 BCS National Championship Title.

**Pros:** Senior quarterback Tim Tebow (2,764 yards passing, 30 TDs; 673 yards rushing, 12 TDs) is a dangerous multi-purpose threat with the unique ability to lift the level of play of his teammates. He orchestrates one of the most potent offenses in college football, as the Gators averaged 43.6 points per game a year ago. The defense returns all 11 starters and 21 of 22 players on the two-deep depth chart from a unit that allowed only 12.9 points per game a year ago, and held the high-powered Oklahoma Sooners to only 14 points in the national title game. Linebacker Brandon Spikes is a defensive game-changer and the secondary is as strong as any in the country.

**Cons:** The biggest loss from a year ago is playmaker Percy Harvin, who was the top receiver and second leading rusher in 2008. Running backs Jeff Demps and Chris Rainey each gained more than 600 yards rushing while averaging 7.8 yards per rush and should pick up the slack running the ball. However, the top returning wide receiver is Deonte Thompson, who caught only 18 passes a year ago.

#1 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
 2008 Season Record: 13-1  
 Defending BCS National Champions  
 2008 Final Rank: 1st  
 Returning Starters Offense: 7  
 Returning Starts on Defense: 11

**Surprise Stat:** The Gators blocked nine kicks during the 2008 season.

The college football predictions odds makers at SBG Global have the Florida Gators &ndash;400 odds favorites to win the SEC Conference Title.

**Overall Outlook:** Picked by most experts as the preseason number one team, Urban Meyer's squad seems to have all the ingredients needed to claim their third national championship in the last four years. If new playmakers can emerge at receiver, the offense should be just as explosive as a year ago. The defense is deep and talented and provides a great compliment to the explosive offense. With so much talent returning, the Gators won't be relying on many newcomers this season. Wide receiver Andre Debose could see immediate action as a replacement for Percy Harvin. Other top recruits include offensive lineman Xavier Nixon and linebackers Jelani Jenkins and Jon Bostic.

**Big Game:** When you are the defending national champions, every team considers you to be a big game on their schedule. The September 19th game against Tennessee will be notable because new Volunteers coach Lane Kiffin has spent much of the off season provoking the Gators. However, the pivotal game for the Gators will be October 10th at LSU. If they emerge from that game undefeated, the Gators will be in the driver's seat for a spot in the national title game as they play only two of their final seven games on the road.

**Key to Success:** The only thing that could significantly derail the title hopes for the Gators is a significant injury to Tebow. He is the emotional and physical leader of the team and must stay healthy if the Gators want to retain the national title. Given the plethora of defensive talent, you can imagine that every member of the defensive unit will be looking to stand out from the crowd on every opportunity. That could be bad news for opponents, who will see little letdown in talent no matter which players are in the game.

Online Sportsbook SBG Global has posted the following odds to win the 2010 BCS National Championship:

Alabama +2200  
 Arizona St +7000  
 Arkansas +7000  
 Auburn +9000  
 Boston College +7500  
 California +2200  
 Cincinnati +8500  
 Clemson +7500

Colorado +8500  
Florida +150  
Florida St +4000  
Georgia +7500  
Georgia Tech +1200  
Illinois +4500  
Iowa +8500  
Kansas +4500  
Kansas St +8500  
Kentucky +8500  
Louisville +8500  
LSU +3200  
Miami FL +3200  
Michigan +8500  
Michigan St +1700  
Missouri +8500  
Nebraska +4500  
Notre Dame +1200  
Ohio St +800  
Oklahoma +650  
Oklahoma St +2700  
Oregon +4500  
Penn St +1500  
Rutgers +4500  
South Carolina +8500  
South Florida+5000  
Southern Cal +600  
Tennessee +8500  
Texas+650  
Texas A&M+8500  
Texas Tech +6500  
UCLA +8500  
Virginia Tech +1700  
Wake Forest +8500  
North Carolina +4500  
West Virginia +6000  
Wisconsin +6500  
Field (All Others) +1200