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Let’s get started

Welcome kit
your guide to FIU
In the following pages, you will find the steps you need to become an FIU Panther and start enjoying your path to graduation. We are committed to your success.

FIU gives you the tools to explore, learn and develop your maximum potential. With more than 200 programs to choose from, beautiful campuses, countless student organizations, financial aid, and the commitment of our dedicated faculty and staff, FIU prepares you to succeed in the global market.

Welcome to Florida International University

President Mark B. Rosenberg and a group of FIU students welcoming you to our Worlds Ahead university.
Submit your Admissions Deposit

admissions.fiu.edu

In order to reserve your space, you will need to submit a $200 (non-refundable) tuition deposit. Your deposit MUST be submitted prior to signing up for orientation. Please visit admissions.fiu.edu for more information.

Apply for Financial Aid

fafsa.ed.gov onestop.fiu.edu

To assist you in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), view the 7 Easy Steps to the FAFSA at go.fiu.edu/fafsa/. Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov. FIU’s federal school code for the FAFSA is 009635. You will need a personal identification number (PIN) to apply for the FAFSA online. Both you and your parents can obtain a PIN at pin.ed.gov.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1: All required documents, including the results of the FAFSA, must be in the Financial Aid Office by this date to be considered on time. Applicants who complete their files by this deadline increase their chances of being considered for limited institutional funds, in addition to any eligible federal and state aid.

NOTE to first semester summer students: financial aid is awarded on an annual basis. Therefore, you must complete two (2) FAFSA applications: one for the prior academic year (includes summer) and the other for the upcoming academic year.

April 1: Award decision will be mailed to students who met the March 1st priority deadline.

Locate and fill out any additional required forms at go.fiu.edu/fsforms.

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES (available for Florida high school students only) Bright Futures Scholars must list FIU as your first school of choice to ensure FIU receives your Bright Futures Scholarship funds. FIU’s school code for the scholarship is 131. Bright Futures is not available for the summer term.

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD

Submit a Housing Agreement

housing.fiu.edu

We know you have choices when it comes to where you want to live. If you are in need of on-campus housing, please visit the Department of Housing and Residential Life website at housing.fiu.edu, chat live with our staff via the “Chat” button on our website, send an email to housing@fiu.edu, or call us at (305) 348-4190.

To submit an agreement, please download the Housing Agreement from housing.fiu.edu.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

isss.fiu.edu

In addition to the above, international students must complete the following requirements:

• Submit a completed Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) form along with proof of funds. You can download the DCF form at go.fiu.edu/fsforms.

• Upon approval of the DCF, A Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) will be issued. International students applying for an F-1 visa for the first time must pay an I-901 SEVIS fee at fmjfee.com prior to their visa appointment.

• You must report to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services upon your arrival on campus and attend Immigration Orientation. For more information, please visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services website at isss.fiu.edu or call (305) 348-2401 at BBC.

Submit your Immunizations Record

studenthealth.fiu.edu

As a prerequisite to registration, FIU requires all students to comply with the following immunization policy regulations from the Florida Board of Governors regarding immunity of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, and Meningococci.

Download all immunization forms at studenthealth.fiu.edu. All forms must be signed and stamped by a physician (M.D. or O.D.), a nurse practitioner or a registered nurse and can be mailed, faxed or physically submitted to Student Health Services at least four weeks prior to your scheduled orientation date.

International students must have this form completed and any supporting documentation translated into English. If you have questions, you may contact the Student Health Services Health Compliance Unit at immune@fiu.edu (use your Panther ID number in the subject line), studenthealth.fiu.edu, or (305) 348-2401.

To check the status of your immunization compliance or sign electronic waivers (Hepatitis B & Meningococci only) visit “Health” at my.fiu.edu

Sign up for New Student Orientation

orientation.fiu.edu (305) 348-8414

Get to know your new campus, FIU resources and register for classes at New Student Orientation.

BEFORE ORIENTATION Freshmen students are required to take the ALEKS Math Assessment prior to attending orientation, regardless of high school and Dual Enrollment credits or AP/IP scores. To access the test, go to www.aleks.com/flu and register as a new user using your Panther ID. You should also explore career paths that match your interests and skills with MyMajorMatch at my.fiu.edu under “Admissions.”

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION Freshmen admitted for summer and fall are required to attend a two-day, overnight orientation program (spring freshmen will have a one-day program). During orientation, you’ll be able to meet with advisors, register for classes, get your FIU OneCard (student ID), tour the campus and learn about the FIU community. During this time, a separate orientation session will also be available for families.

TRANSFER ORIENTATION Transfer students attend a one-day orientation program or can sign up for virtual orientation through my.fiu.edu to learn about academic requirements specific to their major and hear about campus resources from various departments and offices.

Finalize your Admissions File

Your acceptance to FIU is based on the academic information that was available when the Admissions Committee reviewed your application. You may have been admitted with courses in progress. Therefore, it is important that you submit official final transcripts showing your final grades and proof of graduation. Transfer students must also submit official final transcripts, even if a degree was not earned.

• Your official final transcripts should be submitted no later than the end of your first semester at FIU.

• If you took dual enrollment courses, have the college or university send official transcripts to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Please contact College Board and the ACT to submit your official test results.

• Bring hard copies of dual enrollment transcripts or AP exam scores (if applicable) with you to new student orientation for appropriate advisement.

F-1 students currently enrolled in a U.S. institution or on OPT must submit an International Student Transfer Form available at go.fiu.edu/fsforms.

Proof of medical insurance must be submitted to FIU Student Health Services prior to registration. Visit studenthealth.fiu.edu and click on “Insurance & Fees” for more information on how to meet the mandatory health insurance requirements.

Before orientation, please visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services website at isss.fiu.edu or call (305) 348-2421 at BBC.
How to Register for Classes

Now that you are a Panther, your next step is registration. If you are a first-time FIU student, you will register for classes at an orientation session. For freshmen, orientation is mandatory. Once you accept admission at my.fiu.edu you will receive dates and details about orientation.

You can also register using your Panther ID and password at my.fiu.edu or computer kiosks located on both campuses.

Our OneStop service assists you to add and drop classes, request transcripts, find answers to questions about residency, general financial aid, and more. This service is available at onestop.fiu.edu, or at dedicated OneStop offices on campus.

Prior to registration, you will need to accept your Financial Aid award at my.fiu.edu. Follow the “Financial Aid” – “ACCEPT/DECLINE” link to ensure that your award is posted as “pending financial aid” for a tuition deferment.

How to Pay for Classes

If your pending financial aid award (excluding Federal Work Study) does not cover all your tuition and fees, you are responsible for paying the difference. Most financial aid is based on full-time enrollment (12 credits per semester). Check the Academic Calendar at onestop.fiu.edu for payment deadline information. If your pending aid is greater than your tuition and fees, your payment will be deferred until the disbursement of your financial aid award. The Financial Aid Office begins the disbursement of grants and scholarship aid after the add/drop period for each semester.

Tuition may be paid online with a credit card through the “Finances” link of the self-service web page at my.fiu.edu. You may also pay by cash or check at the Student Financials Office in PC 120 (MMC) or ACI 140 (BBC), or mail your payment to:

FIU Student Financials Office
11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida, 33199
Primero Casa, PC 120

OneStop offices are located at:
Modesto A. Maldique Campus (MMC)
11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida, 33199
Charles Perry Building (Primero Casa), PC 130
(305) 348-2320

Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC)
3000 N.E. 151 Street, North Miami, FL 33181
Academic Building I (ACI) 100
(305) 919-5750

The Academic Village at the Pines Center
16957 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33331
(954) 438-8600

For more information about registration: onestop.fiu.edu.

On-Campus Services

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER
The Undergraduate Education Academic Advising Center provides personal academic advising for incoming freshmen and transfer students who are unsure about their major. Other online resources, like discovermajors.fiu.edu and mymajor.fiu.edu, can also help you learn more about the 200+ majors offered at FIU.

CAREER SERVICES
Career Services at FIU is a centralized, high-tech, customer-oriented operation that partners with the university’s diverse students and alumni to help them develop, implement and evaluate their career plans. There are three programs designed to bring about effective, efficient and successful results: Career Development, Internships/Co-op and Employment upon graduation.

ATHLETICS
FIU Athletics has grown tremendously since its inception almost 40 years ago. FIU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Conference USA for 17 men’s and women’s athletic programs (women’s sand volleyball competes as an independent program). FIU students are always admitted free of charge to all regular season home events with their FIU OneCard.

CAMPUS RECREATION
In addition to our two-story recreational facility, FIU offers programs for students who wish to participate in a variety of intramural and recreational activities. Club sports are also open to students who seek instruction, recreation, competition and socialization in sports activities at a level not provided through campus recreation.

DINING
Focus on studying and socializing, not cooking. FIU Panther Dining offers a wide variety of foods and a great selection of meal plans to make your dining experience enjoyable at our main dining hall, The Fresh Food Company, plus more than 25 campus restaurants and retail locations at MMC and BBC. You can fund your dining account through financial aid and/or scholarship aid after the add/drop period for each semester.

HOUSING
Studies show that students who live on campus are more involved in academic and co-curricular activities, more satisfied with their overall university experience, and tend to succeed at a higher rate than general university students. At FIU, living on-campus means you are always just a five-minute walk away from movies, concerts, theater, sporting events, the rec center, the library and the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on campus.

LIBRARIES
The libraries support the university’s mission of teaching, research and service by providing the means for the discovery and the pursuit of knowledge.

LIBRARIES
FIU’s Veteran and Military Affairs office assists military veterans, students serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and eligible dependents receive educational benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The office provides support to ensure academic success.
Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act

Under the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, Florida International University will, upon request, make available to students the completion or graduation rates of certificate or full-time degree-seeking students for a one-year period. Also, available upon request, are University policies regarding a) procedures for reporting criminal actions or other emergencies, b) access to campus facilities, c) campus law enforcement, d) crime prevention programs, e) statistics concerning arrests and the occurrence on campus of certain criminal offenses, f) criminal activity of off-campus student organizations, and the use, possession, and sale of illegal drugs or alcohol. This information can be obtained from the Department of Public Safety or the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.