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Let's get started



Guide to  
STEP at  
**FIU**

# Welcome to

## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

*Be Worlds Ahead*

# FIU

Your journey  
starts now!

No. 2

**PUBLIC UNIVERSITY  
IN THE STATE,**  
according to the  
Florida Board of Governors'  
2018 performance scores.

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programs in the top 100  
in the nation among  
public universities  
*U.S. News & World Report*

No. 15

in the nation among  
public universities for  
patent production  
*National Academy of Inventors  
and the Intellectual Property  
Owners Association*

The **Supported Transition to Excellence Program (STEP)** will help facilitate your journey by incorporating student success strategies into your college curriculum and university experience. This pathway, designed for high achieving freshman students interested in a degree in engineering, business, and other STEM fields, will support you in your journey ahead. You will begin by creating a strong foundation for challenging calculus courses that will ensure future success. To do so, students take a lighter course load (less than 12 credits) in their first term and participate in at least one student success strategy per term; this may include major and career exploration or design thinking; as well as additional time in the Math Mastery Lab. Along with traditional course work, students also work with their advisor to gain experience outside the classroom in their desired field in STEM.

The following pages will provide you with all the information toward securing your spot in STEP as an **FIU Panther!**

# NEXT STEPS

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## ACCEPT ADMISSION TO SUPPORTED TRANSITION TO EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (STEP)

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## SUBMIT YOUR TUITION DEPOSIT [admissions.fiu.edu](https://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/admitted](https://admissions.fiu.edu/admitted) for deposit deadlines.

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## SIGN UP FOR NEW STEP STUDENT ORIENTATION

All students are required to complete a two-part orientation process. Virtual Orientation is first, and can be accessed through your **My.FIU.EDU** account under "Admissions". This online tool highlights university policies, resources and departments, and is available to you throughout your time at FIU. After completion of the Virtual Orientation, you'll follow the steps below:

**FRESHMAN STUDENTS** Freshmen admitted for Early Fall and Fall are required to attend a two-day, on-campus 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 and resources. During this time, a concurrent orientation session will also be available for families. Visit [GO.FIU.EDU/FreshmanOrientation](https://go.fiu.edu/freshmanorientation) for available dates, how to sign up, and all the details you need to be prepared for your session.

**FULLY ONLINE STUDENTS** Set up an appointment with your academic advisor through your student dashboard on [my.fiu.edu](https://my.fiu.edu) to create your academic plan. If you have questions, please email your enrollment coach at [onlineprograms@fiu.edu](mailto:onlineprograms@fiu.edu) or call **305-348-3125**; press 2 and then 3.

**PANTHER CAMP** New FIU students have the unique opportunity to attend Panther Camp—an extended orientation program—that will allow you to develop relationships with fellow students, faculty and staff; learn more about FIU traditions, resources and involvement opportunities; and much more. Go to [GO.FIU.EDU/PantherCamp](https://go.fiu.edu/panthercamp).

## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) [onestop.fiu.edu](https://onestop.fiu.edu)

Complete the FAFSA online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). FIU's federal school code for the FAFSA is **009635**. Create your Financial Student Aid (FSA) ID at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>. Reuse your FSA ID every year.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**October 1:** You can now complete your FAFSA beginning October 1. Early completion and timely response to our requests for information will enable us to provide your aid awards by January if not sooner. Financial Aid is awarded on an annual basis. Note: if you are starting classes in the summer, you must submit **two** FAFSA applications—one for summer (which is considered the prior academic year) and another for the upcoming academic year. Early award priority date for applicants is December 1.

Locate and fill out additional required forms at [onestop.fiu.edu](https://onestop.fiu.edu).

**NOTE:** FIU scholarships are available for qualified U.S. citizens, permanent residents and some international students based on visa type.

**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**. [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf](https://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf)

FIU FAFSA code  
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## FINALIZE YOUR ADMISSIONS FILE

Your acceptance to FIU is based on the academic information that was available when the Admissions Office 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.

- Your official final transcripts should be submitted as soon as they are available but no later than the end of your first semester at FIU. Failure to submit by the deadline will result in an enrollment hold.
- If you took dual enrollment courses, have the college or university send official transcripts to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- Bring hard copies of dual enrollment transcripts or AP exam scores (if applicable) with you to new student orientation for appropriate advising.

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## SIGN UP FOR HOUSING

[housing.fiu.edu](https://housing.fiu.edu)

Whether you take your classes at MMC or BBC, living on campus is a great way to begin your life at FIU! To apply for housing at MMC, go to [my.fiu.edu](https://my.fiu.edu) > Campus Resources > Student Housing. Apply by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to be guaranteed housing and participate in roommate selection.

To apply for housing at BBC, visit [Bayviewfiu.com](https://bayviewfiu.com).

For more information send an email to [housing@fiu.edu](mailto:housing@fiu.edu) or call us at **305-348-4190**.

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## SUBMIT YOUR IMMUNIZATIONS RECORD [studenthealth.fiu.edu](https://studenthealth.fiu.edu)

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

Download all immunization forms at [go.fiu.edu/immune](https://go.fiu.edu/immune). All forms must be signed and stamped by a physician (M.D. or D.O.), a nurse practitioner or a registered nurse and can be mailed, faxed or physically submitted to Student Health Services before your scheduled orientation date.

To check the status of your immunization compliance or sign electronic waivers (Hepatitis B & Meningitis only), visit "Holds" at [my.fiu.edu](https://my.fiu.edu).

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## ACADEMIC ADVISING [advising.fiu.edu](https://advising.fiu.edu)

The university has a common platform for advising, the Panther Success Network (PSN) and the Navigate App, its mobile counterpart. On PSN/Navigate students can: Receive alerts about holds and find out how to resolve them, get reminders and alerts about important deadlines, sync class schedule with phone calendar, locate and reach out to advisors and professors, schedule advising appointments, and make to-do lists and set reminders.

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## NEED HELP WITH YOUR ENROLLMENT?

FIU's OneStop provides quality, professional service in support of your academic and financial aid objectives. OneStop generalists are skilled in admissions, registration, and financial aid and focus on assisting you with processes that cannot be completed independently. We promote independence in completing admissions, registration, and financial aid to-do list items online through your student portal ([my.fiu.edu](https://my.fiu.edu)). Students can visit OneStop in the Student Access & Success Center (SASC), located next to the Ernest R. Graham Center and Gold Parking Garage. Visit [onestop.fiu.edu](https://onestop.fiu.edu) for hours and information.

## How to Register for Classes

If you are a first-time FIU student, you will register for classes during your orientation session. Once you pay your deposit at [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu), you will receive dates and details about orientation via your FIU email.

## How to Pay for Classes

Prior to the payment deadline (visit [onestop.fiu.edu](http://onestop.fiu.edu) for deadline dates), you will need to accept your Financial Aid award at [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu). Follow the “**Financial Aid – accept/decline awards**” link to ensure that your award is posted as “pending financial aid” for a tuition deferment.

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](http://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 or electronic check/electronic transfer of funds through the “**Make a Payment**” link found under the “Finances” section of your [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu). You can also pay by cash or check at the Student Financials Office in the Student Academic Success Center (SASC), room 101 (MMC) or AC1 140 (BBC). A self-service payment kiosk is also available in PC120 (MMC).

Or mail your payment to:

**FIU Student Financials Office**  
Student Academic Success Center  
1401 S.W. 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 101  
Miami, FL 33199

OneStop Enrollment Services provides assistance with financial aid and any other enrollment-related questions, including registration, adding and dropping classes.

Visit [onestop.fiu.edu](http://onestop.fiu.edu) or call **305-348-7000**.

OneStop offices are located at:

**Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC)**  
Student Academic Success Center  
1401 S.W. 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Miami, FL 33199

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

**FIU@I-75**  
1930 S.W. 145 Avenue, Room 302  
Miramar, FL 33027  
954-438-8604



50 states.

130 countries.

1 Panther family.

## On-Campus Services

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

[advising.fiu.edu](http://advising.fiu.edu) 305-348-2892 | 305-919-5754

Each student is assigned an Academic Advisor within their major. The Advisors provides personal academic advising for incoming freshmen students all the way through graduation. They also provide guidance on courses that promote and support academic, intellectual, personal, and social growth to help students with their transition to the university. Students can find their assigned Academic Advisor through the Panther Success Network under [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu).

### ATHLETICS

[fiusports.com](http://fiusports.com) 305-348-8392

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 18 men's and women's athletic programs. As an FIU student, you are admitted to all regular season home events free of charge with your FIU OneCard.

### CAREER AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

[career.fiu.edu](http://career.fiu.edu) 305-348-2423 | 305-919-5770 | 305-348-1281

Career and Talent Development is dedicated to helping you make your career dreams a reality. Through workshops, career assessments and partnerships with employers in South Florida and around the globe, the Career and Talent Development team is committed to helping you get an early start on your career path at three on-campus locations.

### CENTER FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

[cse.fiu.edu](http://cse.fiu.edu) 305-348-3840

A successful first year is critical for academic and developmental achievement in college. The Center for Student Engagement supports the transition and retention of new students by developing programs, events, and opportunities that facilitate your campus engagement and foster academic success.

### DINING

[pantherdining.com](http://pantherdining.com) 305-348-0088 | 305-919-5558

Panther Dining offers a variety of foods and a great selection of meal plans to make dining convenient, tasty and fun. Meal plans save up to 40% + 0% sales tax, whether you live on campus or off campus. You can dine at 8th Street Campus Kitchen and 29 other restaurants and retail locations at MMC and BBC. You can buy your meal plan through financial aid at [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu) or with cash, credit/debit or six easy payments at the Panther Dining Office in GC 1215 (MMC) or at [pantherdining.com](http://pantherdining.com).

### FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE COURSE

[go.fiu.edu/fye](http://go.fiu.edu/fye) 305-348-6623

The transition to a university environment is a unique one for first-time university students. FIU's First Year Experience course is designed to facilitate this transition. The course provides a forum for integrating the FIU experience and for discussing issues promoting intellectual, personal, academic, social growth and success as a member of the University community. It also introduces students to University policies, procedures, and services; addresses academic and career choices; and enhances study and time-management skills. All students entering the University with fewer than 30 semester hours are required to take this one-credit course, SLS 1501 First-Year Experience.

### FIU ONLINE

[online.fiu.edu](http://online.fiu.edu) 305-348-3125

FIU's fully online students benefit from a wealth of support services, including enrollment coordinators, success coaches, and academic advisors, all working together to keep you on track from your first day of class to graduation day. At FIU Online, you're part of a vibrant community of students and faculty from around the world. Earning your degree is a shared experience, and we're with you every step of the way.

### HOUSING

[housing.fiu.edu](http://housing.fiu.edu) 305-348-4190

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 academically at a higher rate than students who live off campus. At FIU, living on-campus means you can sleep in and walk to class, and you have the opportunity to meet a ton of new people and make long-lasting memories! Apply today at [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu)>campus resources>student housing.

### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

[parking.fiu.edu](http://parking.fiu.edu) 305-348-3615 | 305-919-5558

All vehicles parked on campus at a non-metered space are required to have a valid virtual permit, which is linked to your vehicle license plate. Please remember, head in parking only. We offer transportation on and between campuses. To obtain your permit, view shuttle schedules or obtain additional information, visit our website or call our Customer Care Center.

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

[studenthealth.fiu.edu](http://studenthealth.fiu.edu) 305-348-2401 | 305-919-5620

The mission of FIU's Student Health Services is to provide affordable and accessible student-focused medical care and promote healthy lifestyles through education, mentorship and research activities. Ambulatory health care centers are located at both the BBC and MMC to serve your health care needs in a convenient and student-friendly environment.

### VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

[go.fiu.edu/veterans](http://go.fiu.edu/veterans) 305-348-2838

FIU's Office of Veteran and Military Affairs is here to assist Veterans, Active Duty Members, Guard/Reserves, Dependents and Spouses of the U.S. Armed Forces with educational benefits from the VA and DoD. We can also provide in state tuition waivers for those who qualify under Florida law. Visit or contact our office for further information or assistance.

### WELLNESS AND RECREATION CENTERS

[go.fiu.edu/recreation](http://go.fiu.edu/recreation) 305-348-2575 | 305-919-5678

Panthers can work out their stress, challenge themselves and get into shape with recreation centers on both campuses. Each facility features state-of-the-art exercise equipment, group fitness classes, and individualized personal training. Each campus hosts intramural sports like dodgeball and soccer, offers Sport Clubs like Quidditch and Rugby, and BBC features watersports on the bay.

## **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 procedures for reporting criminal actions or other emergencies; access to campus facilities; campus law enforcement; crime prevention programs; statistics concerning arrests and the occurrence on campus of certain criminal offenses; 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.



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[admissions.fiu.edu](http://admissions.fiu.edu)