

International Undergraduate Student Checklist

Submit your Admissions Deposit

To reserve your space, you will need to submit a \$200 (non-refundable) tuition deposit. FIU applies your deposit to your first tuition payment. You will have access to orientation and housing options 48 hours after this is done. You MUST submit your deposit prior to signing up for orientation. Please visit iadmiss.fiu.edu for deposit deadlines.

Accessing my.fiu.edu and FIU Email

FIU uses <https://my.fiu.edu> as its student portal for everything from registering and paying for classes to applying for graduation. If you have never logged into my.fiu.edu please go to the website with your Panther ID number and use the default password. The default password is your date of birth in DDMMYYYY format (April 20, 1995 is 20Apr1995). Once you log in, the system will prompt you to change your password.

You can return to the my.fiu.edu log in screen to lookup your username. The my.fiu.edu log in page includes helpful links to your email, the FIU mobile app and other items to make your academic life simpler. FIU uses your Panther ID, username and password across all FIU systems. It is important that you check your FIU email address or set forwarding rules so you do not miss important information.

If you are having trouble accessing your my.fiu.edu student portal, please go to <https://fiu.service-now.com>. You can browse help topics or connect with IT specialists to help you resolve your issue.

Obtain your F-1 or J-1 Student visa

In order to receive your F-1 or J-1 visa you will need to pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee. Once you pay the SEVIS fee you can schedule an appointment at your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You can find more information under “Pre-Arrival Information” on the Office of International Student and Scholar Services website:

<https://globalaffairs.fiu.edu/iss/international-students/new-f1-students/#prearrival>

Additional helpful information is available on the EducationUSA website that can help you in the transition to the U.S. Visit <https://educationusa.state.gov> for more information.

Sign up for New Student Orientation

Freshman: First time college students are required to attend a two-day, overnight orientation program. You can find instructions on pre-arrival and pre-registration requirements at <https://orientation.fiu.edu>. You will be able to register for this after submitting your Admissions Deposit. During orientation, you will meet with advisors, register for classes, obtain your FIU OneCard, tour the campus, stay over night in our housing facilities, and learn about the FIU community.

Transfer: Transferring students are required to complete a virtual orientation through your my.fiu.edu account. After completing this virtual orientation, you can sign up for Advising and Registration day. Visit <https://orientation.fiu.edu> for more information.

Finalize your Admission File

Transcripts: Submit official final transcripts showing your final grades and proof of graduation or degree received (if applicable). If you took dual enrollment courses, you must submit the transcripts from the college or university to the Office of International Admissions.

Test Scores: Submit any new official test scores, if applicable. Please contact ETS or the College Board to submit your official test results for any credit acceleration exams (CLEP, AP, IB, etc.). Bring hard copies of dual enrollment transcripts, AP exam scores, or IB exam scores (if applicable) with you to new student orientation for appropriate advisement.

Submit your Immunization Records

Download all immunization forms at <https://studenthealth.fiu.edu>. All forms must be signed and stamped by a physician, a nurse practitioner, or a registered nurse and can be emailed to immune@fiu.edu or brought to the Health Compliance Office at Student Academic Success Center (OneStop –SASC 126). You must do this prior to attending orientation.

Go to <https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/health-and-fitness/student-health/> and click on Forms to find “FIU Immunization Documentation Form”.

Insurance Proof

All international students with F and J visas are required to have medical insurance prior to registration. You may either purchase insurance or provide proof of insurance coverage. Please visit <https://studenthealth.fiu.edu> and click on “Insurance” for more information.

Go to <https://internationaladmissions.fiu.edu/last-steps/> and click on “Immigration Process” under the heading “FIU Admitted Student Welcome Kit Forms”

Submit a Housing Agreement

For students interested in on-campus housing, you must submit an application and agreement after paying your admission deposit. You can find more information at <https://housing.fiu.edu>.

Order Textbooks

Once you have registered for classes and finalized your class schedule, it is time to order textbooks. You can find your textbooks at <https://fiu.bncollege.com>.

Office of International Student and Scholars Services Check-In

In order to maintain active international student status in the United States, all F-1 & J-1 visa holders are required to check-in to the International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS). You can learn how check-in by visiting go.fiu.edu/checkin. You must complete the ISSS check-in immediately after arriving to the United States and no later than the Add/Drop deadline.