



Academic Success in the First Year

Florida State University
Division of Undergraduate Studies

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*Student Success is
Our Mission*

- **Academic advising**
- **Academic transition,
engagement, support**
- **Dean's office**



Know Your Academic Dean's Office



Office of Undergraduate Studies

Most first-time freshmen entering right after HS

Until formally admitted to major/upper-division

Location: UCA 3400



Dean's Office in College for Admitted Major

First-time freshmen admitted direct to major

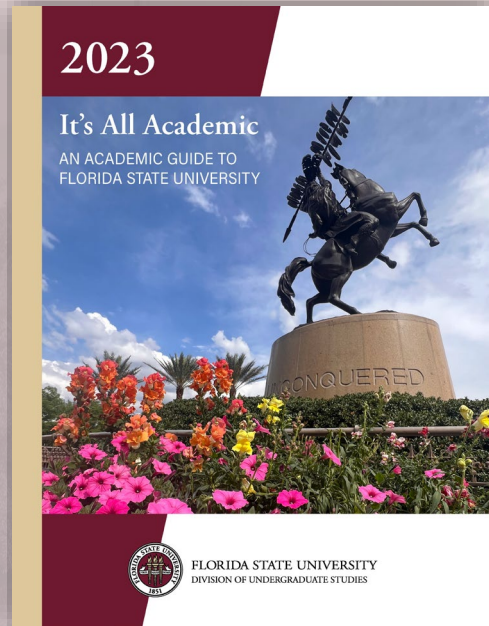
Music, Fine Arts, Motion Picture Arts



Pro Tips

ACADEMIC POLICIES & TECH

Know Where to Find Academic Policies



It's All Academic (IAA) 2023

Undergraduate Bulletin

Download the myFSU App

– FREE: iPhone & Android

Use Academic & Advising Technology



FSU Email

Check daily for critical communications



Campus Connect

Academic advising notes & appointment scheduling



Student Central

Academic & financial information



Canvas

Online sites for your classes

Set Up Delegated Access for Family

→ Students cannot share their FSU login!

Delegated Access:

- Allows others to view your class schedule, grades, transcript, financials, etc.
- They create their own login.
- You can grant or withdraw access at any time

Delegate View

Personal Information	Financial Aid
<div>Contact Details</div> <div>Addresses</div> <div>Holds</div> <div>To Do List</div> <div>Emergency Contact</div>	<div>Award Summary</div> <div>Shopping Sheet</div> <div>Disbursements</div> <div>Need Summary</div> <div>PLUS Loan Information</div> <div>Cost of Attendance</div>
Academics	Financials
<div>View Class Schedule</div> <div>View Unofficial Transcript</div> <div>Grades</div>	<div>Make a Payment</div> <div>Tuition Summary</div> <div>Generate Invoice</div> <div>1098-T Tax Form</div> <div>Charges Due</div> <div>Account Activity</div>
<div>Change Student</div>	



Advising, Degrees & Mapping

STAYING ON TRACK

How often should you meet with your academic advisor at FSU?

- A. Once a month
- B. At least once a semester
- C. At least once a year
- D. Just for graduation check

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See Your Academic Advisor Every Term

- Course Planning
- Questions About Major
- Involvement
- Campus Resources
- Career & Grad School



Track Degree & Major Requirements

120 Credits in Most Bachelor's Degrees

- **Liberal Studies** Gen Ed courses + university graduation requirements
- **Major** requirements
- Some **electives** for major & Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies - Foundation for Degree

- **Subjects:** Math, English, Science, History, Social Science, Humanities, Ethics
- **Skills:** Writing, Digital Literacy, Oral Communication
- **Lots of choices!**

Academic Requirements Report

Student Central > Academics Tile >
My Academic Requirements

Collapse All

Expand All

View Report as PDF

✓

Taken

◇

In Progress

★

Planned

SUMMARY: All Undergraduate Courses Taken (RG005801)

A typical undergraduate degree program requires 120 unduplicated hours. Select programs may require more. Students must complete the minimum number of hours required for the degree.

Go to the [Academic Program Guide](#) to find the minimum number of hours required for each degree. See the Total Hours Earned value at the top of the report for your credit hours earned toward graduation. Contact your advisor with any questions you have about the number of hours you have remaining to graduate.

This report is not an official graduation check. During the semester in which a student earns their 90th hour, the student must request an official graduation check with the Office of the Registrar and the student's graduating college(s).

Some of the courses listed here may not count towards graduation. No vocational, technical, or below college-level coursework will count.

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The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

Personalize View All First 1-10 of 35 Last					
Course	Description	Units	When	Grade	Status
ADV3001	ADVERTISING STRATEGY	3.00	2022 Fall		◇
ADV3008	PRIN OF ADVERTISING	3.00	2022 Spring	A	✓
AMH2010	HISTORY OF U.S. TO 1877	3.00	2020 Fall	EC	✓
AMH2020	HISTORY OF U.S.	3.00	2020 Fall	EC	✓
ARH2050	HIST & CRITCSM ART I	3.00	2021 Fall	A-	✓

Transfer & Accelerated Credit



Accelerated Credit from HS

Applied to Gen Ed if applicable or the major if appropriate

Test credits post to transcript - no grade

Dual Enrollment credits post to transcript with letter grade

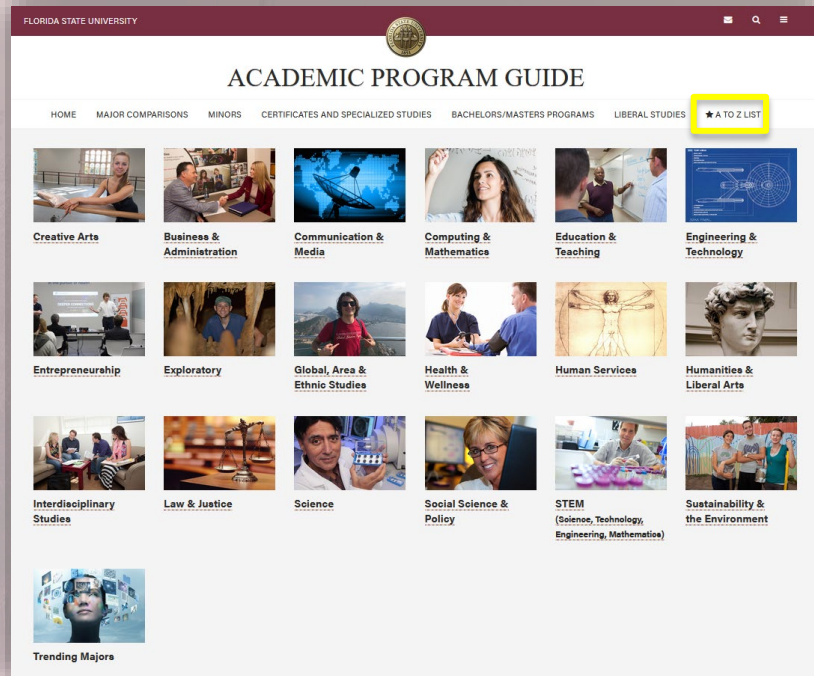


Action Needed!

Send final official transcripts for HS and dual enrollment/transfer coursework

Check in September to ensure credits have been applied

Actively Work on Major Selection



Academic Program Guide

- Info on every major!
- Program description, admission requirements, pre-requisite courses, careers
- “Exploratory major” is a great idea if undecided!

Meet Mapping Milestones for Major

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC PROGRAM GUIDE

HOME MAJOR COMPARISONS MINORS CERTIFICATES AND SPECIALIZED STUDIES BACHELORS/MASTERS PROGRAMS LIBERAL STUDIES ★ A TO Z LIST

HOME / A TO Z LIST

A to Z List

All Available Programs

* Majors also offered at Panama City campus

Accounting *

[Program Description](#) [Academic Map](#) [Department Page](#) [Learning Compact](#) [Career Information](#)

Actuarial Science

[Program Description](#) [Academic Map](#) [Department Page](#) [Learning Compact](#) [Career Information](#)

Advertising (Communication)

[Program Description](#) [Academic Map](#) [Department Page](#) [Learning Compact](#) [Career Information](#)

View **mapping milestones** for every major in the Academic Program Guide

Sample Schedule		
Term 1	hrs	Milestones 1
ENC1101 Freshman Composition	3	Complete ENC1101 (≥ C minus)
MAC1105 College Algebra or higher mathematics	3	Complete (or waive) MAC1105 (≥ C minus)
CGS2100 Computer Apps. for Business, ECO2013 Macroeconomics or ECO2023 Microeconomics	3	Overall GPA 2.70 or higher
GE History	3	
Writing course	3	
Term 2	hrs	Milestones 2
ENC2135 Research, Genre, and Context	3	Complete ENC2135 (≥ C minus)
MAC2233 Calculus for Business	3	Complete MAC2233 (≥ C minus)
CGS2100 Computer Apps. for Business, ECO2013 Macroeconomics or ECO2023 Microeconomics	3	Complete 2 Admission Prerequisites (≥ C minus)
GE Core Humanities/Cultural Practice/Ethics	3	Overall GPA 2.80 or higher
Writing course	3	
Term 3	hrs	Milestones 3
CGS2100 Computer Apps. for Business, ECO2013 Macroeconomics or ECO2023 Microeconomics	3	Complete 4 Admission Prerequisites (≥ C minus)
STA2023 Business Statistics	3	Overall GPA 2.90 or higher
ACG2021 Introduction to Financial Accounting	3	
GE Natural Science	3	
RM2302 Risk in Business and Society	3	
GEB1030 Intro. to Professional Development (required only for those students who first enroll at FSU fall 2019 or later)	1	

Expect Grades @ FSU to be Different

4.0 scale for GPA

A = 4.0 (no A+)

B = 3.0

C = 2.0

D = 1.0

F = 0.0

+/- = 0.25 up or down



No weighted grades

No grade “forgiveness”

Academic Standing

- FSU GPA is used for academic standing
- 2.0+ FSU GPA for Good Academic Standing
- Overall GPA is used for Bright Futures, admission to major





COURSE REGISTRATION & DROPPING CLASSES

Fall & Spring Terms

Full Semester

15 weeks of class



Final Exam Week

No Express Sessions 

Summer Term

Three Session Options

Sum A 1st six weeks

Sum B 2nd six weeks

Sum C All 12 weeks

$$A + B = C$$

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Take a Full Credit Load to Reach Goals

- **Fall and Spring: Take 15!**
 - Most courses are 3 credit hours
 - Ideal = 14-16 credit hours
- **Summer B Admits: 6-7 credits** (6-week term)
 - At least 2 courses for best start to FSU GPA
 - Must take classes in Summer B to meet conditions of admission



Register Promptly & Before Finals!

Course Registration = Adding Classes for Next Term

Enrollment Appointment = Your Time to Register

Know Your Assigned Enrollment Appointment



- Posted in myFSU when the registration guide goes live
- Resolve holds before your appointment date
- Register the day of your enrollment appointment

Registration for next term closes after grades post

Verify Classes During Drop/Add

Saturday before classes start to 4th day of classes

- Drop/add is your time to make schedule adjustments
- Closes 4th day at 11:59pm – verify your schedule!
- Adding classes after 4th day is NOT easy or guaranteed

First day non-attendance drops

- Student must be present the first day of each class or will be dropped by instructor
- Don't count on admin drop for unwanted course – check!

Grades & Course Drop Options*

7th Week Course Drop Deadline (prorated for summer terms)

- Some may be able to drop courses by Friday of 7th week
- No course refund unless approved for medical/mental health withdrawal
- State law requires Bright Futures students to repay funded portion of class

12th Week Course Drop Deadline (11th Week for Engineering)

- Some may be approved by the dean for late course drop by Friday of 12th week
- Same payment stipulations as above

Any Week of the Semester

- Contact dean's office for student crisis or medical/mental health reasons

**Scholarships may impact course drop eligibility* ←

Be Aware of Excess Hours Surcharge

Applies to credits beyond 120% of required degree hours

Most degrees are 120 hours so threshold = 144 hours

Does NOT Count	DOES Count
Accelerated Credit (AP, IB, AICE)	Failed & Repeated Courses
HS Dual Enrollment	Dropped Courses (after Drop/Add)
Second Major (if completed)	Unnecessary Credits from LATE Major Changes



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Attend All Classes (unless sick or excused)



Academic Calendar

Lists when classes begin/end, finals, university holidays

Posted for each semester



Excused Absences Require Documentation

Illness

Death in the family or other documented crisis

Active military duty, jury duty, or other approved/documentated reason



Any crisis that impacts your academics...

Contact your dean's office

In Undergraduate Studies, that is undergradstudies@fsu.edu

→ **In-person classes can't be switched to online.**



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FSU's Academic Resources



In Courses

- Faculty Office Hours
- Teaching Assistants (TA)
- Learning Assistants (LA)



ACE@WJB

- Academic Center for Excellence
- Tutoring
- Study Skills
- ace.fsu.edu



Libraries

- Textbooks
- Research Resources
- Late Night Tutoring
- lib.fsu.edu



OAS

- Office of Accessibility Services
- Apply for accommodations
- dsst.fsu.edu/oas

All Tutoring & Writing Support Centers:
tutoring.fsu.edu

Course Textbooks & Materials

Know What is Required

- View books/materials needed when registering for classes

Buy Anywhere!

- Search FSU Bookstore: bookstore.fsu.edu
- FSU Libraries' Free eTextbooks: lib.fsu.edu/etextbook

Follett Access Program is Easy & Lowest Cost

- Only for select courses
- Course materials billed to student account
- Watch video before opting out: youtu.be/abRX3AOG2TA





Orientation Day 2

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Be Ready for Advising Tomorrow



Need to change your major?

Today
4:00-5:00pm
Union Lower Level



Resolve any holds blocking registration.

my.fsu.edu



Choose your top Engage 100 class options.

engage100.fsu.edu



Register for classes tomorrow after advising.

Bring your charged laptop or tablet!



Adjust schedule after Orientation.

You may change your class schedule until the window closes.



Questions?

For more information, visit these websites:

undergrad.fsu.edu

advising.fsu.edu

Presentation slides available at undergrad.fsu.edu/academic-information

Next up for Orientation

- Add information about where students go next

