It’s All Academic
for First-Time-In-College Students

Florida State University
Division of Undergraduate Studies
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Student Success is Our Mission

- Dean’s office
- Academic transition, engagement, support
- Academic advising
Academic Dean’s Office

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Most first-time freshmen entering right after HS
Until formally admitted to major or 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
ACADEMIC POLICIES

The Basics
Academic Policies & Info

It’s All Academic (IAA) 2024

Undergraduate Bulletin

Download the myFSU App
– FREE: iPhone & Android
Fall & Spring Terms

Full Semester
15 weeks of class

Final Exam Week

Summer Term

Three Session Options

Sum A 1\textsuperscript{st} six weeks
Sum B 2\textsuperscript{nd} six weeks
Sum C All 12 weeks

A + B = C

No Express Sessions
### Attend Your Classes (unless sick or excused)

| Academic Calendar | Lists when classes begin/end, finals, university holidays  
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<th>Posted for each semester</th>
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| Require Documentation | Death in the family or other crisis  
|                    | Active military duty, jury duty, or religious holidays |
| Any crisis that impacts your academics… | Contact your academic dean’s office |

In-person classes can’t be switched to online.
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”

GPAs at FSU

FSU GPA
- Only FSU classes
- 2.0+ FSU GPA for Good Academic Standing

Overall GPA
- Includes transfer & dual enrollment grades
- Used for Bright Futures & admission to major
STAYING ON TRACK

Degrees, Majors & Mapping
Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor’s Degree = 120+ credit hours
CoreFSU

Communicate
Construct logical & well-reasoned arguments presented verbally or in writing.

Reason
Systematically breakdown & solve complex problems.

Analyze
Form & analyze important questions.

Engage
Explore ideas & theories. Engage with different perspectives & the world around you.
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

View mapping milestones for every major in the Academic Program Guide
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#### Sample Schedule and Required Milestones by Term

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<td>ENC1101 Freshman Composition</td>
<td>Complete ENC1101 (&gt; C minus)</td>
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<td>Complete (or waive) MAC1105 (&gt; C minus)</td>
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<td>ENC2135 Research, Genre, and Context</td>
<td>Complete ENC2135 (&gt; C minus)</td>
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<td>MAC2223 Calculus for Business</td>
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<td>Complete 1 other Admission Prerequisite, in addition to MAC2223, (&gt; C minus)</td>
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<td>Complete ACG2021 (&gt; B)</td>
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<td>Complete 3 other Admission Prerequisites, MAC2233 plus 2 more (&gt; C minus) in each</td>
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<td>STA2023 Business Statistics</td>
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<td>OEB1030 Intro. to Professional Development (required only for those students who first enroll at FSU fall 2019 or later)</td>
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COURSE REGISTRATION & DROPPING CLASSES
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
Before Your Enrollment Appointment
  – Meet with your advisor
  – Resolve holds on your account

Register the day of your enrollment appointment

Registration for next term closes after grades post.
Verify Classes During Drop/Add

Drop/Add is for schedule adjustments
- Starts: Saturday before classes start (typically)
- Ends: 4th day of classes at 11:59pm
- Adding classes after 4th day is NOT easy or guaranteed

Mandatory first day attendance policy
- Student must be present the first day of each class or will be dropped by instructor
- Don’t count on first day drops for an unwanted course
Know the Course Drop Options*

7th Week Course Drop Deadline (prorated for summer terms)
- No refund unless approved for medical/mental health withdrawal
- Bright Futures students must repay funded portion of class

12th Week Course Drop Deadline (11th Week for Engineering)
- Typically requires academic dean’s approval
- Limited number of late drops
- Same payment stipulations as above

Any Week of the Semester
- Contact dean’s office for 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

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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
- Workshops
- 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
– Listed now in details for every course section

Buy or Rent Anywhere
– Search FSU Bookstore: bookstore.fsu.edu

Free eTextbooks
– FSU Libraries: lib.fsu.edu/etextbook
Wrapping Up

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Consider 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.
Submit the Accelerated Credit Form

- Admissions Application Status Check
- View your Checklist
- Complete the “Accelerated Credit Form” for exams
- Upload unofficial transcripts for Dual Enrollment

admissions.fsu.edu/statuscheck
Choose Your Engage 100

Either Summer B or Fall:
- IDS1000 First-Year Connections & Success
- SLS2206 Chart Your Course
- Freshman Interest Groups (FIG)
- 30+ other academic & interest-based topics

Required for all first-year students.
engage100.fsu.edu

Connect to the FSU community & students
Choose relevant student organizations
Make the most of your time at FSU
Prepare to pursue your academic & personal goals
Get Ready for Orientation Advising

Need to change your major?
Today 3:00-4:00pm
my.fsu.edu

Resolve any holds blocking registration.

Choose your top Engage 100 course options.
engage100.fsu.edu

Register for classes after advising.
Bring your charged laptop or tablet!

Adjust schedule after Orientation.
You may change your class schedule until the window closes.
Transfer & Accelerated Credit

Accelerated Credit from HS
Applied to Gen Ed or major if applicable
Test credits post to transcript - *no grade*
Dual Enrollment credits - *letter grade*

Action Needed!
Send final official transcripts for high school, dual enrollment & transfer coursework
Check once the semester starts to ensure credits have been applied
Questions?

Presentation slides:

Slides available at undergrad.fsu.edu/academic-information