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Academic Success in the First Year

(also presented at orientation as Academic Guidance for Families)

Florida State University

Division of Undergraduate Studies



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Student Success is our Mission

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



Associate Provost & Dean Joe O'Shea with Associate & Assistant Deans



Know Where to Find Academic Policies

It's All Academic (IAA) 2022 – use start year

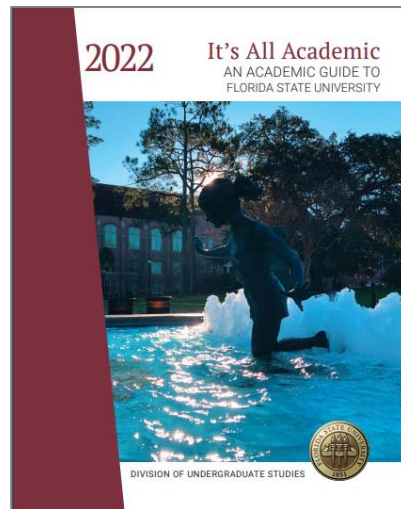
- <https://undergrad.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu456/files/It%27s%20All%20Academic%202022.pdf>

Undergraduate Bulletin – use current year

- <https://registrar.fsu.edu/archive/bulletin/undergraduate/>

Download the myFSU Mobile App

- FREE: iPhone & Android





What percentage of classes at FSU are taught in person?

A. 60%

B. 75%

C. 80%

D. 90% *Be in Tallahassee & be all in!*



Attend All Classes (unless sick or excused)

Academic Calendar

- https://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/fall/academic_calendar/

University Excused Absences Require Documentation (make up test / avoid absence grade penalty)

- Illness
- Death in the family or other documented crisis
- Call to active military duty or jury duty
- Religious holy days
- Official University activities (letter for instructor provided by FSU certifying office)

Student should contact the dean's office for any crisis that impacts course attendance and grades!

- In Undergraduate Studies, that is undergradstudies@fsu.edu



Know Your Academic Dean's Office

Office of Undergraduate Studies (UCA 3400)

- Most first-time freshmen entering right after HS
- Until formally admitted to major/upper-division

Dean's Office in College for Admitted Major

- First-time freshmen admitted direct to BFA major
- Transfer admits with AA degree earned



Track Degree & Major Requirements

120 credits in most bachelor's degrees

- Liberal Studies: 36 hours general education (GE) + other graduation requirements
- Major requirements
- Everyone must choose some electives for major & Liberal Studies (pick interesting ones!)

Liberal Studies = foundation for major & degree

- Math, English, Science, History, Social Science, Humanities
- Skills: Computation, Writing, Critical Thinking, Speaking
- Lots of choices!

<http://liberalstudiescourses.fsu.edu/care/LS-courses/course-display.php>

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.

☰ Some courses may not count towards graduation.

The following courses were used to satisfy this requirement:

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-	✓



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



See Academic Advisor Every Term

- Course Planning
- Questions @ Major
- Opportunities

Advisor Search Online or myFSU Mobile:
<http://advisor.undergrad.fsu.edu/advisors/advisor-display.php>

Campus Connect Advising Notes & Scheduling for Most Sites:

Student Home

Courses Reports Calendar

Courses

Term: 2022 Summer (Default...)

COURSE

Schedule Advising or Tutoring or Study Room

Advisor Search

Select Your college

Education Level

Applied Studies

<p>FSU Panama City Advising advising@pc.fsu.edu 850.770.2295 HAC C117</p>	<p>Academic Advisor Undergraduate</p>	<p>FSU Panama City, advises Panama City campus undergraduate majors only in the following academic plans: * Professional Communication * Public Safety & Security - Crime Scene Investigation - Law Enforcement Intelligence - Law Enforcement Operations * Recreation, Tourism & Events</p>
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Arts and Sciences



Actively Work on Major Selection

Academic Program Guide:

- <https://academic-guide.fsu.edu/> or myFSU Mobile
- “Exploratory major” is a great idea if undecided!





Meet Mapping Milestones for Major

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](#)

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

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

ANTHROPOLOGY

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

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

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

ART, STUDIO BA

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

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	
E-Series 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
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
STA2023 Business Statistics	3	Overall GPA 2.90 or higher
ACG2021 Introduction to Financial Accounting	3	
GE Natural Science	3	
RM12302 Risk in Business and Society	3	
GEB1030 Intro. to Professional Development	1	



Use Advising Technology & Info

FSU Academic Honor Policy Requires Students to Keep FSU Login & Password Confidential – should not be shared with anyone! (students may give family members Delegated Access)



Student Central: detailed access to academic & financial information

- **Unofficial Transcript:** download PDF version at any time
- **Academic Requirements Report:** online unofficial degree audit



Campus Connect: academic advising notes, appointment scheduling, & more



FSU Email: students should check daily for critical communications!



Canvas: learning management system for FSU courses

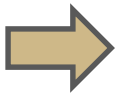


Set Up Delegated Access for Family

Students cannot share their FSU login but can give delegated access to family:

- Allows others to view schedule, grades, transcript, financials, personal info
- <https://sc.my.fsu.edu/students/how/how-assign-delegated-access>

Links on Left Sidebar



Using Student Central

- How To ▾
 - How to Accept Delegated Access
 - Access Official Transcripts
 - Access Unofficial Transcripts
 - Access Your Academic Requirements Report
 - Apply for a University Graduation Check
 - Apply to Graduate
 - How to Assign Delegated Access
 - Change Your Address
 - Drop a Class from a Closed Enrollment Term (Current or Prior)
 - Drop a Class from an Open Enrollment Term (Current or Future)
 - Enroll in Classes from Your Shopping Cart
 - Request an Enrollment Verification

How to Assign Delegated Access

1. Navigate to **my.fsu.edu**
2. Sign in with your FSUID username and password
3. Select the **SC** icon under **myFSU Links** to access your **FSU Student Homepage**

myFSU Links

4. On your **FSU Student Homepage**, select the **My Info** tile

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



Be Ready for Advising Tomorrow

Meeting tomorrow with academic advisor for CURRENT MAJOR!

- If major change needed before tomorrow, go to Concourse Level today from 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Review Engage 100: <https://engage100.fsu.edu/>
- Resolve any holds on registration for missing info

Students register after advising (if no holds)

- May adjust schedule over time till window closes



Ensure Accelerated Credit is Applied

Accelerated credit from HS will count toward the degree!

- Applied to GE if applicable or the major if appropriate
- *Course equivalency charts for test credit are in IAA or on the FSU Admissions website*
- Test credits post to transcript with no grade / DE credits post with letter grade

Action needed!

- Send **final transcripts ASAP** for HS and dual enrollment/transfer coursework!
- Check **Academic Requirements Report in September** to ensure credits have been applied!

Student homework tonight!

- Fill out Appendix E in IAA book for advisor meeting



Students who take 15 credits each fall & spring term are more likely to _____.

- A. Earn a higher GPA.
- B. Move into their major faster.
- C. Graduate on time.
- D. All of the above.



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)
 - 1st term should include 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!

Know Assigned Registration Appointment (each Fall & Spring)

- https://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/
- Resolve any registration holds to be ready
- Registration for next term closes when finals begin

Enrollment Appointment = Time to Register!

Drop/Add = Course Adjustments Only

- Late Fee for waiting to register until Drop/Add week



Verify Classes During Drop/Add Week

Saturday before classes start to 4th day of classes

- Closes at 11:59pm – verify schedule!
- Adding classes after 4th day is NOT easy or guaranteed

First day non-attendance drops

- Student must be present or will be dropped by instructor
- Don't count on admin drop for unwanted course – check!



Monitor Grades & Know Course Drop Options

Some scholarships impact eligibility for course drops – see advisor!

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 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 withdrawal



Be Aware of Excess Hours Surcharge

On credits beyond 120% of required degree hours

- Most degrees are 120 hours so threshold = 144 hours

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





Which of the following is FALSE?

- A. Grades are not weighted at FSU.
- B. FSU has a +/- grading system.
- C. Retaking a class will erase 1st grade
- D. None of the above



Expect Grades @ FSU to be Different

4.0 Scale with +/- (no weighted classes like in HS)

A=4.0 / B=3.0 / C=2.0 / D=1.0 / F=0.0

+/- =0.25 up or down (no A+ in GPA)

Good academic standing = 2.0+ FSU GPA (not overall GPA)

Overall GPA is used for Bright Futures and admission to major

First Fall term 0.0 = sit out spring semester (unless there was a crisis)

No grade replacement or “forgiveness” policy @ FSU!

Final grades post Wednesday after finals – check in Student Central



Which of the following statements about success at FSU is FALSE?

- A. Success is predicted by HS grades/ACT/SAT.
- B. Success is predicted by effort at FSU.
- C. Good students use resources like tutoring.
- D. Good students make academics top priority.



Use Academic Resources

- Faculty / TAs: see course syllabus for office hours
- Academic Center for Excellence (ACE):
 - <https://ace.fsu.edu/>
 - Tutoring, workshops, study skills, online resources
- All Tutoring & Writing Support Centers:
 - <https://tutoring.fsu.edu/>
- University Libraries:
 - <https://www.lib.fsu.edu/>
- Office of Accessibility Services:
 - <https://dsst.fsu.edu/oas>





Use Course Textbooks & Materials

- **Know what is Required**
 - View in Schedule Assistant when registering
 - Search FSU Bookstore: <https://bookstore.fsu.edu>
- **Buy Anywhere!**
 - FSU Libraries' Free eTextbooks: www.lib.fsu.edu/etextbook
- **Follett Access Program is Easy & Lowest Cost** (only for select courses)
 - Course materials billed to student account (opt out only if you own it)
 - Watch video before opting out: <https://youtu.be/abRX3AOG2TA>



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Questions?

For more information, visit these websites:

undergrad.fsu.edu

advising.fsu.edu (coming soon)

Presentation slides available at <https://undergrad.fsu.edu/academic-information>