2015-2016
COUNSELOR INFORMATION

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

Hello Friends!

It has been a very busy, yet exciting, time since I became Director. As we begin a new academic year (where did our summer go?), I am so grateful for the opportunity to build upon the legacy that Janice began years ago... emphasizing the importance of good customer service. The compassion and commitment that you witnessed from her will continue to guide me and the admission team at Florida State.

We have spent the summer making improvements to the SSAR and the CARE application process, developed a new essay topic to allow us to learn more about the individual behind the grades and test scores, redesigned our website, and selected and trained a new recruitment staff who are eager to visit your schools.

We appreciate all of the support that you provide to your students and our University, and I look forward to working with you this upcoming year. As always, feel free to call upon me or a member of the management team; we are only a phone call or email away.

Fondly,

Hege K. Ferguson

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Stay Informed
Join our email listserv at admissions.fsu.edu/counselors to receive the latest news from Florida State.

Keep Us Informed
Are you hosting a College Fair? Direct your College Fair invitations to collegefairinfo@fsu.edu.
Freshman Notification Dates

APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY
October 15, 2015
January 13, 2016

DECISION AVAILABLE ONLINE BY
December 9, 2015
March 16, 2016

New Essay Topic

The essay is strongly recommended, but is required for all CARE applicants. The new essay topic is:

We firmly believe that every person is unique and of value. Our University is enriched by embracing individual differences and creating a community that is much more than the sum of its parts. In 650 words or less, share your story with us. Tell us how you came to be the person you are today, and about your passions and future expectations. Describe how you will benefit from our community and how our community will benefit from you.

Accepted Freshman Profile

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACADEMIC UNITS FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS

English – 4.5; Math – 5.5; Natural Science – 4.5; Social Science – 5; World Language – 3.5

2015-2016 Academic Year Basic Costs

Estimated costs cover two semesters (15 hours per semester)

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Important Change with the Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR)

We will continue to use the Self-reported Student Academic Record (SSAR), in lieu of the high school transcript, in the admission review process. New this year: Students must list ALL of their high school and dual enrollment courses and associated grades. This will include courses like computer science, PE, band, etc. Since accuracy is critical, please inform your students to have their high school transcripts available when completing the SSAR. Refer students to admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/admissions/ssar for a list of frequently asked questions. Note: CARE applicants should not complete the SSAR; they must submit an official high school transcript.

Important Changes for CARE Applicants

We have made the application process for the Summer Bridge Program through CARE much easier. Students will simply complete the freshman application at admissions.fsu.edu. Applicants will express their interest in CARE in Part 1 of the application. CARE applicants should not complete the SSAR; they must submit an official high school transcript. Also, fee waivers and the required essay may be uploaded in Part 2 (Checklist) of the application.

Liberal Studies for the 21st Century

Summer 2015 ushered in some important changes in the state of Florida’s general education requirements for all public colleges and universities. Students are now required to complete 15 of the 36 hours of general education from a standardized listing. When advising your dual enrollment students, you may want to steer them towards the “Statewide Core” coursework found at liberalstudies.fsu.edu/LiberalStudies_StateCore.html.

In addition to the “State Core” classes mentioned above, students at FSU must now complete ENC 2135 as the second English Composition class. While ENC 1102 will still provide college “elective” credit, it will no longer be used to satisfy the general education requirement for English composition.

As a preeminent university, every student is also required to take two FSU E-series (Engage, Explore, Envision) signature classes. All E-series classes are listed with the “IFS” (Independent Florida State) prefix because they are unique to FSU. To learn more about FSU’s liberal studies requirement, go to liberalstudies.fsu.edu/index.html.

Preview

Accepted students and their families will be invited to Preview, a series of special visitation days, designed to answer all of their questions and make them feel comfortable with our entire campus community. Preview dates are: February 19, February 26, March 18, April 1, and April 8.
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