

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: First Year Decisions

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Why was I not admitted?

More than 62,500 applications were received for a class of 6,200 first-year students. Due to the competitive profiles of our applicants many applicants received an unfavorable decision. While we are unable to admit all students, who want to start at FSU as a first year students, we hope you will consider a transfer option, or perhaps graduate school in the future. Information about our transfer application process can be found at admissions.fsu.edu/transfer. Detailed information about our accepted student profile can be found by visiting admissions.fsu.edu/fsu25.

Can my application be reconsidered?

Due to the thoroughness of our application review process, it is unusual for us to reverse an admission decision. We will consider an appeal only if it reveals new academic or personal information that was not present in your initial admission application. Detailed information about our appeals process can be found at admissions.fsu.edu/first-year/appeal.

I was not offered admission to FSU. What are my options?

There are several different paths to get to FSU. We strongly recommend transferring with a Florida Associate of Arts degree or 60 credit hours from a Florida community college or university. More information on how to apply as a Transfer student can be found admissions.fsu.edu/transfer.

Why didn't I receive a decision?

A completed first year application consists of the [application](#), application fee, [Self-Reported Student Academic Record \(SSAR\)](#), and one set of Self-Reported SAT and/or ACT test scores. We do not require an essay or a list of activities/ accomplishments, but they are highly recommended additions to the application. FSU, along with Florida's 11 other public universities, is subject to [Florida Board of Governors admissions regulation 6.002](#) which requires first year students seeking admission to submit an ACT or SAT test score.

Please login to your [Application Status Check](#) to see what items we are missing. If these materials are submitted by March 1, we will be able to consider you for an admissions decision on a rolling basis as early as mid-March.

Can I transfer to FSU after attending another institution for a semester or a year?

Unfortunately, most students who were not offered admission as first year applicants are not admissible as lower division transfer applicants. The competitive ranges for lower division transfers, which include the high school grade point average and ACT/SAT test scores, are very similar to those of first year applicants. In many cases, we recommend students complete their Florida Associate of Arts degree.

I applied for the Summer term but would like to switch to Fall. Is this a possibility?

Due to the limited number of spaces available in our Fall class, we will need to go through another review of your application. Please contact our office for more information at admissions@fsu.edu.

I applied for Fall but would like to switch to Summer. Is this a possibility?

Yes, we can switch an applicant's admit term from Fall to Summer as long as space is available. However, this term change is final. The Summer term starts June 21 and ends July 30. Please contact our office for more information at admissions@fsu.edu.

What is a Summer Offer?

Admission for the Fall term is slightly more competitive than the Summer term. Summer Offers are given to students who did not meet the Fall accepted student profile but are, in our opinion, a good fit for the Summer term. By completing the online response form and accepting the Summer Offer, the students start FSU in the summer and automatically continue their enrollment in the Fall as a continuing FSU student.

I received a Summer Offer but would like to attend for the Fall, what should I do?

We carefully considered every Fall term applicant. Due to the competitive profile of our accepted students, we were unable to offer every student a Fall acceptance. If you want to join us at FSU, you will need to complete the online response form and accept the Summer Offer which allows you continue automatically into the Fall term upon successful completion of the Summer term.

When does the Summer term start?

The Summer term starts June 21 and ends July 30.

Is the Summer Offer binding?

All admissions decisions from FSU are non-binding. The Summer Offer is an offer of admission to Florida State University. Students who wish to attend FSU must first complete the online response form which allows us to change your admission to reflect that you have been admitted to the Summer term (and we can send you a nice acceptance packet!) All accepted students have until May 1 to pay their \$200 non-refundable admission deposit, claim their FSUID, complete the online Starting at State module and then select and pay for an Orientation session. Those who decline their Summer Offer will have their application cancelled.

I did not receive a scholarship offer. Was my application considered?

All accepted students were considered for an Admissions merit-based scholarship. Those who received a scholarship were notified with their admission decision. Requirements for these scholarships change year-to-year based on the accepted student profile, but generally students are expected to have at minimum all A and B grades with appropriate rigor, a 4.0 academic GPA, and a 31 composite test score or 1390 total SAT score.

I have received a Seminole Pathways Offer, what are my next steps?

Detailed information about our Seminole Pathways Program can be found at admissions.fsu.edu/fsu25, under the **Next Steps** section. Once you have selected your Seminole Pathway on the [Application Status Check](#), we will update your application to reflect the path that you chose. You will then receive an acceptance packet with instructions on what to do next, conditions of admissions, etc.

I have received a Spring Offer, what are my next steps?

Please review admissions.fsu.edu/fsu25/accepted/spring, which includes a separate Frequently Asked Questions section. Once you have accepted the Spring Offer on your [Application Status Check](#) we will update your application to reflect the path that you chose. You will then receive an acceptance packet with instructions on what to do next, conditions of admissions, etc.

I was admitted and I am a Florida resident, but my acceptance letter says that I'm a "Non-Florida resident." How do I fix this?

In order to qualify for Florida residency, applicants must complete the Residency Declaration on your [Application Status Check](#). If you still have questions after completing the Residency Declaration or need to submit additional residency documentation, please reach out to us at residency@fsu.edu.