

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

2023 Counselor Handbook



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FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION DEADLINES

Students who qualify as a Florida resident and apply by October 15th will be able to select Early Action as their preferred application plan. All required materials will need to be received by the October 15 deadline to receive an admissions decision on December 14, 2023.

At least one test score must be submitted by the application deadline, but additional tests may be considered if provided by the test score deadline. February test scores are the last exam date that can be used for admissions purposes. Admissions decisions are made available through the Application Status Check.

<i>APPLICATION PLAN</i>	<i>APPLICATION & MATERIALS DEADLINE</i>	<i>POTENTIAL DECISION</i>	<i>TEST SCORE DEADLINES</i>	<i>DECISION RELEASE DATE</i>
Early Action (Florida Students Only)	October 15, 2023	Admit Defer to Regular Decision Deny	December 1, 2023	December 14, 2023
Regular Decision (All Students)	December 1, 2023	Admit Seminole Pathways Spring Transfer Admit Defer to Rolling Decision <i>excludes Early Action deferrals</i> Deny	January 1, 2024	February 15, 2024
Rolling Decision (All Students)	March 1, 2024	Admit Seminole Pathways Spring Transfer Admit Waitlist Deny	March 1, 2024	Released on a rolling basis in early April

STEP 1: APPLY AT [ADMISSIONS.FSU.EDU](https://admissions.fsu.edu)

- ◇ **University Honors Program:** Students should select **Yes** to the question **“Are you interested in applying to the University Honors Program?”** on the admissions application to populate a separate Honors supplemental application on the Application Status Check. For detailed instructions on how to complete the supplemental Honors/Presidential Scholars Application, visit honors.fsu.edu/apply/application-process. The deadline to complete the supplemental Honors/Presidential Scholars Application is **December 1, 2023**.
- ◇ **CARE Summer Bridge Program:** To apply for the CARE Summer Bridge Program, students should select **Yes** to the question **“Are you interested in applying to the CARE Summer Bridge Program?”** on the admissions application and complete the separate CARE supplemental application on the Application Status Check. For detailed information about the CARE Summer Bridge Program and eligibility requirements, visit care.fsu.edu/transition-programs/summer-bridge-program.
- ◇ If a student plans to major in dance, film (animation or production), music, studio art, or theatre, please review the academic department’s website for detailed major requirements.
- ◇ Students who are not selected for CARE and/or the University Honors Program will automatically be considered for general admission.

STEP 2: LOG INTO THE APPLICATION STATUS CHECK

After submitting the application, students will gain access to their Application Status Check at fla.st/statuscheck. (Note: If students apply using the Common App, they will receive an email within 2-3 business days that provides instructions for accessing their Application Status Check.) On the Application Status Check, students will:

- ◇ Self-report all of their scores
- ◇ Link their Self-Reported Student Academic Record (SSAR). Please allow one to two business days after linking for the checklist item to be satisfied
- ◇ Upload their essay and resume/list of activities

Additional supplemental applications or materials may be added to their checklist, so it is important that students frequently review their Application Status Check throughout the application process.

TEST SCORE INFORMATION

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 a test score.

FSU allows students to self-report their test scores through the Application Status Page. Since accuracy is critical, students must have a copy of their score report(s) available to reference when self-reporting their scores. We strongly recommend using your complete score report when completing the self-reported test score form. To complete this form, students must list at least one set of test scores. Students will be required to submit official test score reports prior to enrollment at FSU.

Please note: The FL Board of Governors is currently considering adding The Classical Learning Test (CLT) as a third testing option. Additional information will be released following their August 2023 meeting.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Our application review process is a holistic and selective process, where no single criterion guarantees admission. Our holistic review process is centered on three of our institutional core values—

Vires, Artes, Mores.

Vires



Strength

The first torch, **Vires**, is strength. Our focus in this area is rigor, grades, and courses taken while in high school. Each applicant is evaluated based upon the performance within the context of the student's academic environment.

Transcripts - GPA - Course Rigor - High School Profile

Artes



Skill

The second torch, **Artes**, is skill. We want to see how students use their out-of-classroom time, whether through sports, clubs, organization, family responsibilities, employment, or other achievements.

Resume - Academic and Non-academic Involvement

Mores



Character

The third torch, **Mores**, is character. We are taking the information students have shared with us to learn who they are, and formative experiences they may have had, and what their life goals may be.

Essay - Resume - High School and Neighborhood Context

Additional consideration will also be given to applicants applying to the **CARE** Summer Bridge Program, as well as exceptionally talented visual and performing artists and athletes.

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ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILE

These numbers represent the middle 50% of students admitted for fall and summer terms 2023.

FALL

GPA: 4.3-4.6

SAT: 1340-1450

ACT: 29-33

SUMMER

GPA: 4.1-4.5

SAT: 1230-1320

ACT: 26-30

EARNING BOTH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

A high school student earning both the standard high school diploma and an Associate in Arts (AA) degree through dual enrollment from the Florida College System or the State University System of Florida must apply to FSU as a first-year student. Applicants must adhere to the first-year admission deadlines. In addition, applicants may be subject to additional major deadlines/requirements. Carefully review all major requirements at [Academic Program Guide](#).

Those students who are receiving an AA degree but do not meet the admissions requirements under the Florida Board of Governors Admission Regulation 6.002, may be considered for admission under Florida Board of Governors Admission Regulation 6.005. Students admitted under this regulation are first-time-in-college (FTIC) students although they are not required to submit test scores. However, they should meet the requirements for their selected major as listed in FSU's Academic Program Guide. If admitted, they must submit a \$200 enrollment deposit, attend a first-year orientation session, and are eligible to apply for on-campus housing. Admitted students without a test score are not eligible to be considered for first-year merit scholarships from the Office of Admissions. Students considered for admission under FL BOG 6.005 will be required to submit all official college transcript(s) for evaluation prior to an admission offer being made; they must also provide a final official college transcript displaying the AA before enrolling at FSU. Any FTIC student admitted under this regulation must immediately notify the Office of Admissions if they will not receive their degree. All first-year students admitted under this regulation who do not receive the Associate in Arts degree will have their offer of admission revoked.

ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships offered by the Office of Admissions are typically awarded at the time of your acceptance as a first-year student. **All accepted students are automatically considered for our admissions merit scholarships.** The scholarship criteria will vary from year-to-year depending on the academic profile of the incoming class and the funds that are available. Scholarships are very competitive and awarded based on academic merit which typically includes a rigorous academic curriculum and test scores. **Students who are awarded a scholarship have typically earned no grades below B.**

Scholarship funds are limited, so students are encouraged to apply for admission by December 1.

Students may receive more than one scholarship from the Office of Admissions. Students may also be eligible for additional financial assistance by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

National Merit Finalist / Benacquisto Scholarship:

This prestigious scholarship is available to National Merit Finalists graduating with a standard high school diploma and who are awarded a National Merit, Corporate National Merit, or College-sponsored National Merit Scholarship. If you are a National Merit Finalist, you must list FSU as your first-choice institution by May 1.

◇ **Florida Resident:** The total amount of this award equals the institutional cost of attendance, minus the sum of Bright Futures and the National Merit Scholarship, for a total value of over \$66,000. This scholarship guarantees admission into FSU's distinguished Honors Program. In addition, all National Merit Finalists who apply to the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), which connects high-achieving students with distinguished research mentors to work as research assistants, will be guaranteed admission to UROP.



◇ **Out-of-State Resident:** Florida State University's Out-of-State National Merit Award scholarship package has a total value of approximately \$71,776 distributed across four years. It includes a 100 percent out-of-state tuition waiver, a \$12,000 Vires scholarship, and a \$2000 NMSC stipend (if college sponsored). This scholarship guarantees admission into FSU's distinguished Honors Program. In addition, all National Merit Finalists who apply to the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), which connects high-achieving students with distinguished research mentors to work as research assistants, will be guaranteed admission to UROP.

Vires Scholarship: The Florida State University's Vires Scholarship is a total amount of \$16,000, which will be distributed throughout eight semesters in \$2000 increments at the beginning of each fall and spring term. This scholarship would be in addition to the Bright Futures Scholarship awarded to qualifying Florida residents.

Mores Scholarship: The Mores Scholarship is an award that recognizes select students who have shown academic excellence while facing significant socioeconomic, cultural, or personal challenges. The award is valued at a total amount of \$12,000, which will be distributed throughout eight semesters in \$1,500 increments at the beginning of each fall and spring term. This scholarship would be in addition to the Bright Futures Scholarship awarded to qualifying Florida residents.

University Out-of-State Tuition Waiver: Admitted first-year students are automatically considered for this scholarship based on academic performance in the classroom and test scores. The scholarship is a 100 percent reduction (waiver) of the out-of-state portion of the tuition cost, valued at approximately \$481 per semester hour (\$14,444 based on 30 semester hours for the academic year, a total value of \$57,776 distributed across four years). Please note that this award is prorated based on your actual enrollment each term.

Presidential Scholars Program: The Presidential Scholars program is open to high school seniors who are admitted into the Florida State University Honors Program. The scholarship has a total value of \$38,000, plus an out-of-state tuition waiver valued at \$57,776 distributed across four years. Students who apply to the University Honors Program will automatically be considered for this scholarship program. Detailed information about the Presidential Scholars program can be found on the Presidential Scholars website.

Partner Promise Scholarship: The Florida State University Partner Promise Scholarship is an award for high-achieving Florida residents graduating from one of our partner schools. The total amount of this award is \$12,000, which will be distributed throughout eight semesters in \$1,500 increments at the beginning of each fall and spring semester.

QUEST Scholars Program: The QUEST Scholars Program of FSU's Center for Academic Retention & Enhancement (CARE) is an award for Florida residents invited to participate in the QUEST Scholars Experience. The total amount of this award is \$4,000, which will be distributed throughout eight semesters in \$500 increments at the beginning of each fall and spring semester. Selection for the program occurs during review of student's admissions application. QUEST Scholars can expect to have access to transition, academic and developmental services to thrive at Florida State and set the stage for a positive post-graduation experience.

IB Diploma Scholarship: This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance by completing the rigorous and internationally recognized International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. Applicants are automatically considered for the IB Diploma Scholarship. A separate application is not required. The Florida State University's total value of the award is \$8,000, which will be distributed throughout eight semesters in \$1,000 increments at the beginning of each fall and spring term. This scholarship would be in addition to any other merit-based awards offered at the time of admission and the Bright Futures Scholarship awarded to qualifying Florida residents.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities visit admissions.fsu.edu/first-year/scholarships.



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ADMITTED STUDENT STATISTICS

TOP MAJORS

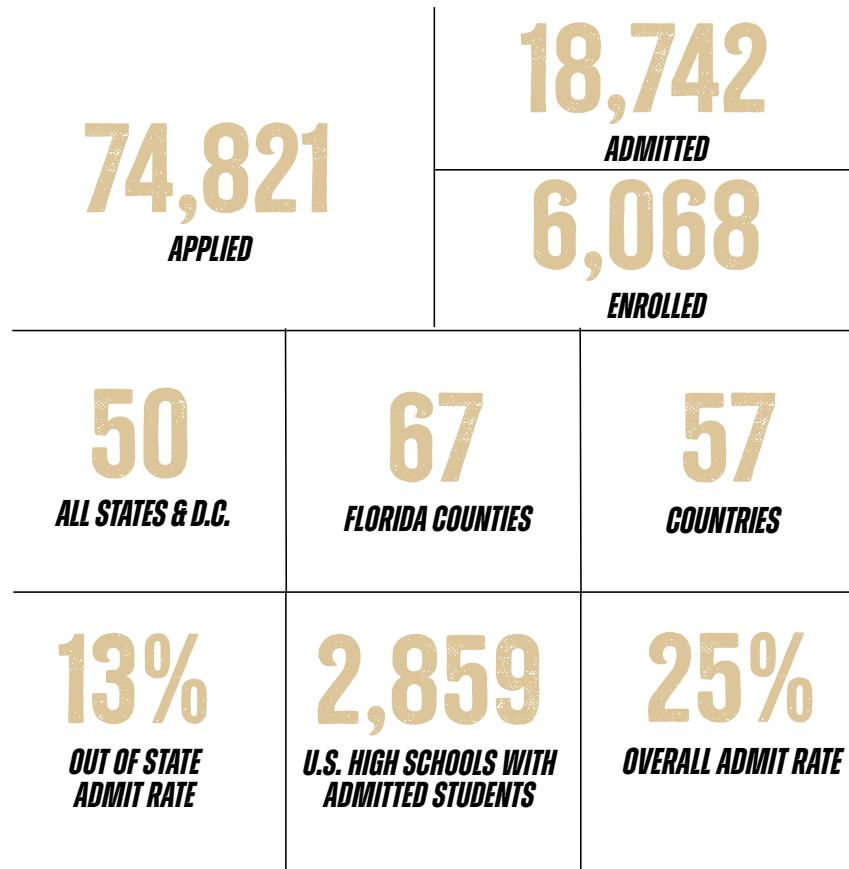
1. Business
2. Biological Science
3. Engineering
4. Exploratory/
Undecided
5. Computer Science

TOP COUNTIES

1. Miami-Dade
2. Broward
3. Palm Beach
4. Hillsborough
5. Orange
6. Pinellas
7. St. Johns
8. Duval
9. Seminole
10. Leon

TOP STATES

1. Georgia
2. New York
3. New Jersey
4. Texas
5. Illinois
6. Pennsylvania
7. North Carolina
8. Tennessee
9. Virginia
10. Ohio



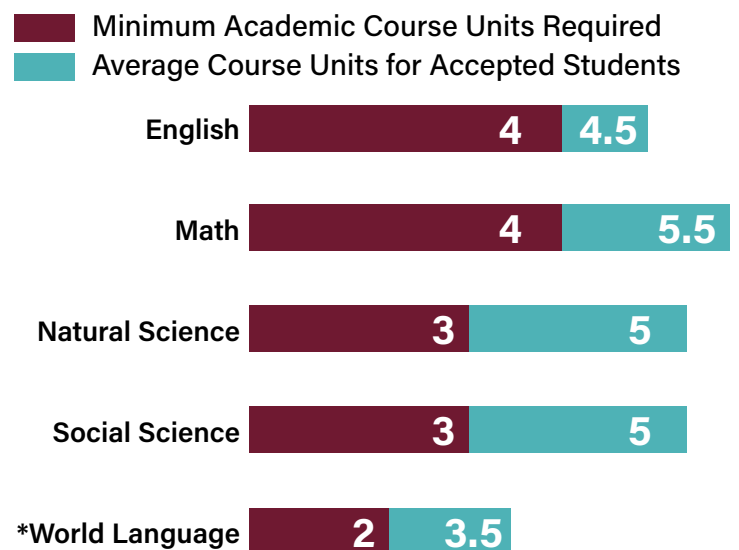
CORE ACADEMIC COURSES

78%

*ENROLLED IN
ADVANCED MATH*

89%

*5+ ACCELERATED
COURSES*



**Two sequential units of one World Language are required.*

MAJORS OPTIONS

The [Academic Program Guide](#) provides a detailed and comprehensive review of all majors including:

- An A-Z List of all Majors & Minors
- Major Comparisons
- Combined Bachelors/Master Programs
- Certificates and Specialized Programs

NEW TO COLLEGE COUNSELING

The [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#)

is a comprehensive academic advising resource made available annually by the Florida Department of Education to school counselors and advisors. The handbook provides information regarding:

- Middle and high school progression and promotion requirements
- Career planning
- Florida college readiness initiatives
- Acceleration mechanisms
- Diploma designations
- Credit-by-examinations
- Financial aid
- Postsecondary degree programs and requirements

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To learn more about how you and your students can connect with our campus community, check out your visit options at visit.fsu.edu.

Find your assigned admissions counselor and meet our staff at admissions.fsu.edu/contact.

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