

At a Glance

Location: Tallahassee, Florida (pop. 275,487)

Founded: 1851, the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida

Setting: Urban, mid-size city in northwest Florida; sub-tropical climate

Character: Comprehensive, Research, Traditional, Residential, Public, Coeducational

Calendar: Two semesters and summer sessions

Enrollment: 41,301 total students (31,943 undergraduates) from every county in Florida, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and over 130 countries

Student Composition: 55% female, 28% minority, 4% international

2013 Accepted FTIC Profile

Acceptance Rate

Summer: 48% | Fall: 55%

Middle 50th Percent

Summer: 3.7-4.6 GPA, 24-28 ACT, 1680-1870 SAT

Fall: 4.0-4.8 GPA, 26-30 ACT, 1760-1980 SAT

Combined: 3.9-4.7 GPA, 26-30 ACT, 1730-1960 SAT

Honors: 4.3-5.1 GPA, 30-32 ACT, 1970-2120 SAT

Averages

Summer: 4.2 GPA, 26 ACT, 1775 SAT

Fall: 4.4 GPA, 28 ACT, 1873 SAT

Combined: 4.4 GPA, 28 ACT, 1851 SAT

Honors: 4.7 GPA, 31 ACT, 2052 SAT

Average Number of Academic Units

English – 4.5; Math – 5.5; Natural Science – 4.5;

Social Science – 5; Foreign Language – 3.5

Freshman Retention Rate: 93%

Six-Year Graduation Rate: 75%

Leading Florida Counties of Origin

Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas, Duval, Seminole, Brevard, Leon

Leading States of Origin (after Florida)

Georgia, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, California

Leading High Schools of Origin

Cypress Bay, St. Thomas Aquinas, Stoneman Douglas, Coral Reef, H.B. Plant, Boca Raton, Spanish River, Palm Harbor University, Riverview, Lawton Chiles, Fort Myers, Pine View, Winter Park, Bishop Moore, Jupiter, Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Newsome, Stanton College Prep, Miami Palmetto, East Lake, West Boca Raton, Barron Collier, Lake Highland Prep, Suncoast, Archbishop McCarthy

Top Majors

Biological Science, Business, Engineering, Psychology, Communication, Exercise Science, Political Science, International Affairs, English/Creative Writing, Criminology

Most Popular Female Name: Emily

Most Popular Male Name: Michael

COUNSELOR INFORMATION

2013 -2014



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Friends,

It's been another busy year for Florida State University. The University is implementing a new student information system, and we are just in the beginning stages for the admissions component. We hope to be fully operational in 2015. Please bear with us as we transition to the new system over the next couple of years.

Our campus in Panama City has successfully admitted its first freshman class for fall 2013. Most of these students are female and come from the Bay County area; although some have been admitted from central and south Florida and a few from out of state. Engineering and Business were their top two majors.

Florida State was officially designated as one of the two pre-eminent research universities in the state of Florida. With this decision, FSU has begun to implement its comprehensive Top 25 Plan to move the University up in the national rankings. (See more on FSU's pre-eminent status below.)

As we continue to reduce the number of schools that we are able to visit, we'd like to offer chat and/or Skype sessions to your school. If this is something you'd like to pursue, please contact Donna Bostwick at dbostwick@admin.fsu.edu.

Over the past few years, the beauty of this campus has really struck me (and yes, I'm partial). However, it isn't just me ... on a daily basis we receive compliments from families visiting campus and our returning graduates. I wanted to send congratulations to our Grounds and Landscaping Operations and discovered a piece of history I thought I'd share.

Dr. Edward Conradi who served as President of Florida State College for Women from 1909 to 1941 stated in his memoirs, "It has been the aim from the beginning to make the campus beautiful, for the cultivation of a proper sense of beauty is a fundamental element in an education program. I deem it just as important for young people when they build their lives to live in an atmosphere of beauty as to have a good library and good laboratory facilities."

To this day, we strive to keep Dr. Conradi's vision alive by creating and preserving an outdoor environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors can appreciate not only the beauty of the landscape, but how history, tradition, landscape, and architecture have been interwoven into the fabric of the campus, creating a distinct sense of place that is uniquely Florida State.

Looking forward to working with you this coming year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on my direct line at **850.644.1328**, or email me at jfinney@admin.fsu.edu.



COUNSELOR LISTSERV

admissions.fsu.edu/counselors

We encourage you to join our email listserv so that you can receive all the latest news from us, including a mailed status report of your students after each notification date.

COUNSELOR WEBSITE

admissions.fsu.edu/freshman

Our freshman website includes a section for you. Topics covered include admissions, finances, scholarships, academics, and accepted students. This year we have also included a section on "Choosing a Major." It's filled with helpful information and websites that have exercises and activities, designed to help students identify a major that will meet their career goals. Check it out ... you may want to share it with your Resource Center.

P.S. You'll also note there is a section devoted to parents. You might want to suggest they read it, especially the Parent's Role found at admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/parents/role.cfm.

NOTIFICATION DATES FOR 2014

<i>Application and All Supporting Documents Received By:</i>	<i>Decision Available Online:</i>
October 16, 2013	December 16, 2013
January 15, 2014	March 19, 2014

The deadline for submitting the online application, application fee (or fee waiver), transcript(s), and test scores for the summer/fall freshman class is January 15. The University does not typically accept freshman applications for the spring semester. **Around deadlines, students should allow up to 15 working days for all supporting credentials to be posted to their OSC account.**

ONLINE STATUS CHECK (OSC)

admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck

The OSC tool is designed for students to monitor the progress of their admission application 24/7 – from the time of application to enrollment. They simply log in using their email address and the password they created at the time of application. Once accepted, students can return to the OSC to pay the admission deposit, register for orientation, and view when final high school and college transcripts are received in our office.

2014 FSU ADMISSION STANDARDS

admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/admissions/requirements.cfm

FSU will no longer recalculate an academic GPA in the decision-making process. We will use the GPA(s) on the student's transcript. We are doing this for several reasons:

- **The academic GPA recalculation takes a tremendous amount of staff time and we feel that time would be better spent analyzing the high school transcript more holistically than we currently do. It is our opinion that the GPA is just a number and a thorough analysis of the curriculum and grades earned provides more information than when it is reduced to a simple number.**
- **The recalculated academic GPA creates confusion for students and parents. They only know the GPA that is reflected on their grade report, and don't understand how we derive our recalculated GPA, sometimes even after lengthy explanations. In addition, there are just too many GPA calculations: district (weighted), state (unweighted), Bright Futures, and SUS. We hope that by eliminating the recalculated GPA from our process, it will be less confusing.**
- **Most schools around the country do not recalculate a GPA.**

The most important factor in the decision-making process will remain the applicant's academic profile (grades earned and quality of curriculum) in combination with test performance on the ACT (plus writing) and/or SAT. In addition, the admission process will continue to assess applicants on the strength of the academic curriculum with greater consideration given to those performing well in advanced coursework.

All applicants will be evaluated using a GPA/ACT plus writing/SAT matrix with a long list of positive and negative attributes assessed during our holistic review process. **If an applicant is deferred in our December notification, we will expect to see mid-year grades and additional test scores prior to making a final decision.**

We encourage all students to take both the ACT (plus writing) and SAT. Students with solid academics, but with ACT/SAT subscores below our minimums (listed below) will automatically be deferred or denied until new test scores have been received.

Note: Letters of recommendation are not required and will not be used in the regular decision-making process.

ACT/SAT INFORMATION

- Applicants should take both exams, since FSU uses the best composite/total score for admission and scholarship purposes. (Applicants taking the ACT must also submit the ACT Combined English/Writing Test.)
- Applicants should take each exam more than once, since FSU 'superscores' (takes the highest subscores to create the ACT composite and SAT total).
- In addition to the applicant's overall composite on the ACT or total score on the SAT, the following minimum subscores are required for admission:

Writing: 21 on the ACT English and Combined English/Writing or 500 on the SAT writing, and
Math: 21 on the ACT math or 500 on the SAT math, and

Reading: 22 on the ACT reading or 500 on the SAT critical reading.

These scores do not guarantee admission; in fact, most students admitted to FSU have higher subscores. Students being considered for special programs (CARE, Dance, Music, Theatre, and Athletics) may have these minimum subscores waived.

- The January SAT and February ACT are the latest tests that we will use in the admission cycle.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

If your students have earned dual enrollment credit while in high school, they must have their official college transcript(s) sent to FSU immediately upon completion of the coursework. **If your student's cumulative college GPA is below 2.0, admission to the University will not be granted. In the case where a final transcript is received after the offer of admission has been extended, the offer of admission will be rescinded regardless of the number of college courses taken.**

SPRING OFFER OF ADMISSION

We will continue to offer spring admission to a number of qualified students who applied for either the summer or fall term. They will be admitted subject to successful completion of the senior year and any college coursework (courses completed through dual enrollment and/or after high school graduation).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM GUIDE

academic-guide.fsu.edu

To learn more about our degree programs, refer to the Undergraduate Academic Program Guide website. Your students will be provided a detailed program description, an eight-semester plan for graduation (the student's academic map), and a link to the degree program website. Students with dual enrollment, AP, IB, or AICE credit should be encouraged to review this website for information on required coursework for their intended major. **Students earning the AA degree while still in high school should also be in contact with their academic programs for additional requirements. Entering the University with the credit hours of a college junior can have negative consequences for students who are not prepared to enter the major directly from high school.**

HONORS, SCHOLARS, AND FELLOWS HOUSE

The Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House will open this academic year. It will be home to the Honors Program and the offices of Undergraduate Research and National Fellowships. When undergraduate honors students leave their classrooms, they will be only steps away from the offices that support a one-on-one research or creative experience with a faculty member or enable them to successfully compete for top national awards and scholarships. The House will also be home to the Fellows Society – creating a powerful community of graduate students from very diverse fields that can become mentors for our outstanding undergraduates. It will be a place of discovery, creativity, and engagement for

all of our students, and will reinforce to prospective and current students our continued commitment to excelling academically.

2013-2014 UNDERGRADUATE COSTS

Estimated costs cover two semesters (15 hours per semester).

	FLORIDA RESIDENTS	NON-FLORIDA RESIDENTS
Tuition / Fees	\$ 6,575	\$21,741
On-Campus Housing	5,980	5,980
Food (Meal Plan)	3,932	3,932
Books / Supplies	1,000	1,000
SUBTOTAL	\$17,487	\$32,653
Health Insurance*	1,680	1,680
TOTAL	\$19,167	\$34,333

**FSU has a mandatory health insurance policy for new students admitted to the University. The cost represents the annual individual premium for domestic students. (The premium for international students is \$1,848.) Costs of meeting this requirement will be included in financial aid considerations. Students who currently have health insurance may show proof of comparable coverage and may not be required to purchase the University policy. Refer to healthcenter.fsu.edu/insurance for additional information.*

Board of Governors Votes to Approve Florida State's Pre-eminent Status

Florida State University was officially designated as one of two pre-eminent research universities in the state of Florida by the Florida Board of Governors, resulting in the launch of FSU's plan to escalate its standing in the national rankings. With this decision, Florida State has begun to implement its comprehensive Top 25 Plan to move the University up in the national rankings through targeted investments.

"The official pre-eminence designation by the Florida Board of Governors is the equivalent of an ignition switch on three years of planning to move Florida State into the top tier of public universities," said President Eric J. Barron. "We are confident that our plan will get us where we need to go in a relatively short period of time for the benefit of our students and all Florida residents."

Florida State will begin a targeted hiring of faculty in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. Current plans call for an investment in truly innovative areas of importance to the state of Florida

and the nation. These include energy and materials research designed to tackle the major design and cost limitations of renewable energy; a focus on the human brain as a part of the University's successful longevity initiative; and integrated research on Florida's coastal and marine environment, as well as other areas that leverage FSU's strengths and connect our students to cutting-edge science and technology. Florida State will also make a significant investment in scholarships for STEM-ready students.

Florida State is already the top STEM University in the state, ranking first in five of the nine fields of study identified by the National Science Foundation in STEM subjects. The University ranked #1 in computer science, mathematics, physical science (chemistry and physics), social science (economics and political science), and psychology. FSU is #2 in the state in environmental sciences.

In addition, the University will advance its initiatives as an entrepreneurial university by hiring "entrepreneurs-

in-residence" in its many colleges. Florida State is working to ensure that students of every major have access to foundation courses in business, and have the opportunity to be taught by faculty that have been successful entrepreneurs and business leaders in their disciplines. This is a key aspect of a much broader expansion of programs that will also promote career readiness and career placement – involving the Career Center, Academic Affairs, and the Alumni Association.

Florida State will continue to focus on improving its already strong record of retention and graduation performance. "The number one way to save families and taxpayers money is to retain students and to graduate them in a timely fashion," Barron said. "Our intention is to move up in the national rankings of public universities, but more importantly to ensure that Florida State students are some of the most employable graduates in the nation," Barron said.

For Additional Information

Area code is (850) unless otherwise indicated.

COLLEGES

Arts and Sciences.....	644.1081
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Communication and Information.....	644.9698
cci.fsu.edu	
Criminology and Criminal Justice.....	644.4050
criminology.fsu.edu	
Education.....	644.3760
coe.fsu.edu	
Engineering.....	410.6358
eng.fsu.edu	
Human Sciences.....	644.5279
chs.fsu.edu	
Law.....	644.3787
law.fsu.edu	
Medicine.....	644.1855
med.fsu.edu	
Motion Picture Arts.....	644.7728
film.fsu.edu	
Music.....	644.3424
music.fsu.edu	
Nursing.....	644.3296
nursing.fsu.edu	
Social Sciences and Public Policy.....	644.5470
coss.fsu.edu	
Social Work.....	644.5713
csw.fsu.edu	
Visual Arts, Theatre, and Dance.....	644.5244
cvatd.fsu.edu	

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fsu.edu/athletics	
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fsuchiefs.com	
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care.fsu.edu	
Financial Aid.....	644.0539
financialaid.fsu.edu	
Housing.....	644.2860
housing.fsu.edu	
International Programs.....	800.374.8581
international.fsu.edu	
New Students and Family Programs (Orientation).....	644.2785
nsfp.fsu.edu	
Seminole Dining.....	644.3663
seminoledining.com	
Student Disability Resource Center.....	644.9566
TDD.....	644.8504
www.disabilitycenter.fsu.edu	
University Health Services.....	644.6230
uhs.fsu.edu	
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honors.fsu.edu	
Visitor Services (Campus Tours).....	644.6200
visit.fsu.edu	