

## President Mark B. Rosenberg



### **Dear Graduate Students:**

Welcome to Florida International University. In this Course catalog we provide a broad overview of our institution, including information to guide you through your academic experience.

As a leading student-centered urban public research university located in one of the nation's most exciting international cities, FIU offers a rare combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability. We offer many opportunities for community and global engagement through more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. With outstanding faculty, state of the art research and a quality learning environment, we prepare our students for competitive job markets and the latest technologies. Committed to both quality and access, FIU meets the educational needs of traditional students, as well as part-time students and lifelong learners.

FIU has a nationally and internationally recognized full-time faculty known for outstanding teaching and cutting-edge research. The university is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most distinguished academic honor society. FIU also is ranked as a Research University in the High Research Activity category of the Carnegie Foundation's prestigious classification system. Our students, faculty and alumni continually receive national and international recognition for their achievements.

FIU's College of Law received full accreditation in the fastest time allowed by the American Bar Association in December 2006. In February 2008, FIU also received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education for its Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, establishing South Florida's only public medical school. In doing so, the university is continuing its tradition of addressing pressing community challenges. We are now in the process of building a world-class Academic Health Center that will approach health from the multidisciplinary care and research perspective that it deserves. FIU also offers a strong Arts and Sciences core, and many nationally and internationally-recognized programs in Business, Engineering, Nursing, Public Health, Architecture and other disciplines.

Graduate education is central to the research core of FIU's mission. Our graduate students, under the expert guidance of our faculty, are making major contributions to the intellectual discourse in many disciplines. Graduates from our professional schools and colleges have become leaders in corporate, nonprofit and governmental sectors throughout the world. Whatever your intellectual desires and career objectives may be, you will find the resources and opportunity to fulfill your personal and professional goals at FIU.

## Interim Dean Kevin O'Shea



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As our world becomes more complex and occupations more specialized, an increasing number of students decide to enter graduate school. Here they obtain the training necessary to enter satisfying, long-term careers, and learn the basis of critical thinking which will enable them to continue to grow intellectually. It is for these reasons that increasing numbers of employers demand graduate training as a credential for employment and for advancement.

At Florida International we offer a wide range of graduate programs to satisfy virtually every personal or professional pursuit. We have over 100 graduate degree programs including an extensive array of doctoral, masters and graduate-level certificate programs. Florida International University is a young, vibrant and diverse university with a graduate population of 7299 students and an overall enrollment of over 40,455 students. We have an active Graduate Student Association and other avenues for graduate involvement on campus through the University Graduate School and other student services offices.

We have assembled an outstanding graduate faculty, and as a result our graduate programs have achieved international recognition. The abilities of our faculty have attracted a very talented graduate student body. Because much learning at the graduate level is through interaction with one's peers, the able and diverse nature of our graduate students provide important and ample opportunities for intellectual discussions and for the honing of research skills.

Florida International University also offers the infrastructure necessary for graduate work at the cutting edge of research. We have modern, well equipped laboratories, and ample computer facilities and support. We also boast one of the largest libraries in the State University System. All of this is available to our graduate students to help them achieve their goals in a timely manner and obtain the postgraduate appointments they desire.

The University Graduate School provides support services to our graduate students. The Graduate Catalog lists the full range of programs and courses as well as helpful information concerning University services. We welcome you to our graduate school and to graduate education at one of the world's most exciting and dynamic universities.