

President Mark B. Rosenberg



Dear Undergraduate Students:

Welcome to Florida International University. At FIU, we are committed to providing you with the best possible academic experiences to assist you in achieving your goals and to prepare you for the world of tomorrow. Whether you are a first-time college student or are returning to school to expand your knowledge, you will, without a doubt, find a large array of opportunities designed to enhance your horizons intellectually, culturally and socially. In this Undergraduate Catalog we provide a broad overview of our institution and a list of programs, courses, requirements and services, including a great deal of useful information to guide you through your academic experience. Please take the time to review carefully this important information.

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 also 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 the leading 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, our Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, establishing South Florida's only public medical school. The first class of 43 students was inaugurated in August 2009 and is expected to graduate in 2013. The college is continuing the university's tradition of addressing pressing community challenges through its innovative NeighborhoodHELP™ program, which is one of its kind in the nation. FIU's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine is a state of the art medical school that is transforming medical education and health care in the region and greatly enhancing the university's research mission. FIU also offers a strong Arts and Sciences core, and many nationally and internationally-recognized programs in Business, Engineering, Hospitality Management, Nursing, Architecture and other disciplines.

On behalf of your fellow students and our faculty and staff, I congratulate you on being admitted to FIU and for deciding to pursue your degree at one of the finest public institutions in the country. I wish you a challenging and fulfilling experience as you work to achieve your goals. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark B. Rosenberg', written in a cursive style.