

## University Information

### UNIVERSITY MISSION

Florida International University is an urban public, multi-campus, research university serving South Florida, the state, the nation, and the international community. Our mission is to impart knowledge through excellent teaching, promote public service, discover new knowledge, solve problems through research, and foster creativity.

### UNIVERSITY VALUES STATEMENT

As an institution of higher learning, Florida International University is committed to:

- Freedom of thought and expression
- Excellence in teaching and in the pursuit, generation, dissemination, and application of knowledge
- Respect for the dignity of the individual
- Respect for the environment
- Honesty, integrity and truth
- Diversity
- Strategic, operational, and service excellence

### THE UNIVERSITY

Florida International University – Miami's public research university – is one of America's most dynamic institutions of higher learning. Since opening in 1972, FIU has achieved many benchmarks of excellence that have taken other universities more than a century to reach. FIU, a member institution of the State University System of Florida, was established by the Florida Legislature in 1965. Classes began in September 1972, with 5,667 students enrolled in upper division and graduate programs – the largest opening day enrollment in U.S. collegiate history. In 1984, FIU received authority to begin offering degree programs at the doctoral level. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching ranks FIU as a Research University in the High Research Activity Category.

FIU has nationally and internationally renowned faculty known for their outstanding teaching and cutting-edge research; students from throughout the U.S. and more than 150 foreign countries; and alumni who have risen to prominence in every field and are a testament to the University's academic excellence. The University is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most distinguished academic honor society. Florida International University offers more than 170 baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degree programs in the following colleges and schools: College of Architecture and The Arts; College of Arts and Sciences (School of International and Public Affairs, School of Environment and Society); College of Business Administration (School of Accounting, Chapman Graduate School); College of Education; College of Engineering and Computing (School of Computing and Information Sciences); College of Law; Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine; College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Honors College; Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work; School of Journalism and Mass Communication; and School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

FIU has more than 40,000 students, 870 full-time faculty, and more than 140,000 alumni, making it the largest university in South Florida and placing it among the nation's largest colleges and universities. The University has two campuses – Modesto A. Maidique Campus in western Miami-Dade County and the Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County – an Engineering facility near the main campus and an educational site at the Pines Educational Center in adjacent Broward County. Additionally, numerous programs are offered at off-campus locations and online. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* ranked FIU among the best values in public higher education in the country.

Research is a major component of our mission. The purpose of the Office of Research is to facilitate new discoveries and thereby improve the quality of life in our region, the state and the larger international community. We are particularly interested in environmental quality, energy, health, water quality, sustainable communities, economic development, security and safety. Multidisciplinary teams, information technology and international culture are among the major themes in our research.

FIU is one of the nation's major research universities and we expend approximately \$100 million annually on research. Our research is funded by more than 200 public and private organizations, and in terms of dollar value, our largest sponsor is the Federal Government with funding from 41 different Federal agencies. The University has many specialized research facilities including a new nano scale research and fabrication laboratory. We also conduct many studies "off site" throughout the United States and the world. Undergraduate and graduate students participate actively in all of our research endeavors. FIU exports its discoveries for public benefit through publications, formal technology transfer agreements, public testimony and evidence-based advocacy, and the development of the next generation of scholars.

### MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS

The Modesto A. Maidique Campus is a 344-acre site on the western edge of Miami, the center of a metropolitan area of almost four million people. Apartment-style residence halls, a nationally certified environmental preserve, and athletic facilities all contribute to a pleasant collegiate atmosphere on Modesto A. Maidique Campus, which is also Florida International University's largest campus. FIU's Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MM) has an impressive campus architecture, lush tropical landscaping, a Sculpture Park, and an eight-story, \$30 million library. The Sculpture Park, an extraordinary assortment of outdoor artwork, attracts school children, university students, tour groups and individuals from South Florida and beyond. There is also a state-of-the-art performing arts center, a recreation center, an expanded university center, a 4,500 seat U.S. Century Bank Arena and a new football stadium that opened in Fall 2008. Modesto A. Maidique Campus also has laboratories, auditoriums, music and art studios, an art museum, an international conference theater, an experimental theater and many student organizations including the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. There is a wide variety of clubs on campus to meet the professional, service, athletic, social, and cultural needs of the FIU community.

FIU's libraries at Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus have more than 1.8 million volumes, 19,000 journals (5,000 online), electronic databases, numerous resources in other formats along with substantial holdings of federal, state, local, and international documents, maps, institutional archives, and curriculum materials.

Recent additions to Modesto A. Maidique Campus include a 153,000-square foot building for our College of Law; a 221,000 square-foot Health and Life Sciences complex (HLS I & II); a 50,000 square-foot Recreation Center. A \$11 million Frost Museum building, designed by internationally recognized architect Yann Weymouth of Hellmuth Obata + Kassabaum (HOK), opened on campus in Fall 2008. Three of the building's nine galleries are dedicated to the permanent collection, while the remaining six feature rotating exhibitions.

In February 2010 the new teaching and research facility of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences was inaugurated. It is the first LEED certified facility on campus and encompasses 115,000 square feet of space housing state-of-the-art interactive skills laboratories, extensive computer suites and ample lecture classrooms.

Parking garage 5, comprised of 30,000 square feet retail and classroom spaces as well as offices for the Public Safety and Parking & Transportation departments, will begin operations in Fall 2010. It will add 2,000 parking spaces to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, bringing the total of covered parking spaces to 6,900.

The new School of International and Public Affairs, which was officially inaugurated January 2009, has broken ground to a five-story building designed by world-renowned, award-winning Miami-based firm Arquitectonica. The building's 58,400-square-foot phase one is scheduled to be completed in late 2010.

Housing and Residential Life provides a wide variety of living accommodations on campus. Residence halls at Modesto A. Maidique Campus include Panther Hall, Everglades Hall, University Park Towers, University Apartments, and Lakeview Housing. Housing staff assist students in selecting accommodations to meet their particular needs. Housing for married students is available on a limited basis. Graduate housing is also limited and applications should be submitted as early as possible.

## BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

The Biscayne Bay Campus of Florida International University is located on 200 acres on the waterfront of Biscayne Bay and has an enrollment of 7,000 students. The campus is headquarters for academic programs in Hospitality and Tourism Management, Journalism and Mass Communication, Marine Science, and Creative Writing. Programs in Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Architecture and the Arts, Computer Science, Nursing, and Criminal Justice are also offered (for specific degree programs please refer to Academic Programs in this catalog).

The campus houses the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the International Media Center, the Institute for Public Opinion Research, and the Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center, a state-of-the art conference facility located on Biscayne Bay.

Apartment-style residential housing on the Biscayne Bay Campus accommodates almost 300. The Wolfe

University Center is the focal point of all student activities and student life. The campus inaugurated a new Recreational Facility in 2007 and also provides a Health and Wellness Center. The expansion of the Wolfe University Center dining facilities was completed Fall 2008 and now provides students with additional dining choices. An active, award winning Science Club serves the interest of research oriented undergraduates.

The campus is administered by the Office of the Vice Provost for Biscayne Bay Campus. There are also representatives from the Divisions of Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, Student Affairs, Human Resources, and University Advancement on this campus.

## BROWARD PINES CENTER

Florida International University has brought higher education closer to home for thousands of South Broward residents through its Pines Center at the Academic Village in Pembroke Pines. Classes are held in a state-of-the-art 90,000 square-foot facility that includes spacious classrooms, computer labs, case study rooms, a student lounge and a 450-seat auditorium. FIU Broward Pines Center shares the Academic Village with Broward Community College, the City of Pembroke Pines Charter High School and Southwest Regional Library.

Currently select programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral level are being offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, and the College of Engineering and Computing. For specific degree programs, please refer to the Broward Pines Center link on the University home page, as well as the relevant pages in this catalog. In addition to degree-seeking programs, the English Language Institute and University College offer non-credit courses.

Students attending the Pines Center benefit from well-equipped computer labs and access to the resources of both the FIU libraries (Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus) and the Broward County Southwest Regional Library. The Broward Student Government Association sponsors social and cultural events that provide students with opportunities to enhance their experiences outside of the classroom.

## ACCREDITATIONS

All academic programs of Florida International University are approved by the Florida Board of Education, the FIU Board of Trustees and the Florida Board of Governors. Florida International University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida International University. SACS reaffirmed FIU's accreditation on December 5, 2000. The University will be considered for "reaffirmation of accreditation" in the fall of 2010. Degree programs at FIU are accredited or approved by the appropriate specialized accreditation agency, or are pursuing full accreditation or approval. To obtain information about the specialized accreditation agencies, their criteria and review process, contact the Chairperson/Director of the respective degree program. The professional accrediting agencies and the respective FIU degree programs are listed in alphabetical order below.

### **Anesthesiology Nursing**

Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia  
Educational Programs (CoA-NA)  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA)

### **Architecture**

National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)

### **Art Education**

National Association of Schools of Art and Design  
Commission on Accreditation (NASAD)

### **Art History**

National Association of Schools of Art and Design  
Commission on Accreditation (NASAD)

### **Art Museum**

American Association of Museums

### **Business**

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of  
Business (AACSB) International

### **Chemistry**

American Chemical Society (ACS)

### **Computer Science**

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology  
(ABET)

### **Construction Management**

American Council for Construction Education  
Board of Trustees (ACCE)

### **Counselor Education**

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related  
Educational Programs (CACREP)

### **Dietetics and Nutrition**

American Dietetic Association  
Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education  
(CADE-ADA)

### **Education**

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education  
(NCATE)

### **Engineering**

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology,  
Inc. (ABET)

### **Forensic Science**

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

### **Interior Design**

Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)  
(formerly FIDER)

### **Journalism and Mass Communication**

Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and  
Mass Communications (ACEJMC)

### **Landscape Architecture**

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB)

### **Law**

American Bar Association (ABA)

### **Music**

National Association of Schools of Music  
Commission on Accreditation (NASM)

### **Nursing**

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

### **Occupational Therapy**

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)  
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy  
Education (ACOTE)

### **Parks and Recreation**

National Recreation and Park Association/American  
Association for Physical Activity and Recreation  
Council of Accreditation (NRPA/AALR)

### **Physical Therapy**

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)  
Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy  
Education (CAPTE)

### **Public Administration**

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and  
Administration (NASPAA)  
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation  
(COPRA)

### **Public Health**

Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

### **Social Work**

Council on Social Work Education Office of  
Social Work Accreditation and Educational  
Excellence (CSWE)

### **Speech Language Pathology**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology &  
Speech-Language Pathology (ASHA)

### **Theatre**

National Association of Schools of Theatre  
Commission on Accreditation (NAST)