

Intercollegiate Athletics

FIU Athletics has been a program of tremendous growth since its inception almost 40 years ago. FIU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and the Sun Belt Conference for 16 men's and women's athletic programs. The men's soccer program is an affiliate member of Conference USA. FIU continues to elevate the athletics program and has reached new heights as the football program won its first Sun Belt Championship in 2010 after competing for only three years at the NCAA Division I level. In FIU's first ever post season bowl appearance the football team won the 2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. Programs and services in Intercollegiate Athletics provide an opportunity for student-athletes to develop their athletic skills and leadership abilities in an educational setting. Much emphasis is placed on the student as a student-athlete to ensure intellectual, emotional and social well-being.

ATHLETICS TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Several of the FIU Athletic teams have won conference championships in recent seasons including women's soccer, baseball, football and tennis while many other student-athletes have garnered accolades across the sport programs. FIU's intercollegiate sports programs for women include basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis, track, softball, cross-country, swimming/diving, and added the emerging sport of sand volleyball to begin competition in spring 2013. Men's sports include basketball, football, soccer, baseball, track, and cross-country.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The Athletic Department utilizes eight facilities that serve as the sites for athletic, educational, and recreational activities.

Phase I of **Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium** was opened in Fall 2008. The stadium features over 20,000 permanent seats, 1,400 club seats, an upper concourse and 19 full service luxury suites. In addition to the suites the stadium features a 6,500 sq. ft. **Stadium Club**, which is a multi-purpose banquet hall that can be used for various events such as weddings, banquets, conferences and pre-game parties. The stadium is the home of our intercollegiate football program. During the fall, the facility is also used to host many Miami-Dade County Schools high school football games.

Located in the west end zone bleachers of Alfonso Field at Football Stadium is the R. Kirk Landon Field House. The **R. Kirk Landon Field House** is a 55,000 sq ft facility that houses the FIU intercollegiate football team, coaches, and weight training facility and ticket office staff. The **University Credit Union Box Office** is located at the west entrance to the field house and services all FIU sports. It also houses a 12,500 sq ft weight room that accommodates all FIU intercollegiate student-athletes.

The **FIU Arena** is home to our intercollegiate men's and women's basketball teams as well as our women's volleyball team. It is a multi-purpose facility with a seating capacity for 5,150 and is the venue for our convocation and graduation ceremonies. The main floor can hold four volleyball courts and two basketball courts. The two auxiliary gyms can each hold one basketball court or a

volleyball court. Also housed in the arena are seven classrooms and eight locker rooms. The new expanded entrance to the U.S. Century Bank Arena added 11,000 square feet with new bathroom facilities, box office, meeting rooms, elevators, and concession area.

The **Baseball Stadium** is the home to our intercollegiate baseball team. The stadium has a seating capacity of 2,200, and offers a luxury suite with a capacity of 20 overlooking the field. The Baseball Stadium also has three covered batting cages located just outside the left field fence.

The **FIU Soccer Stadium** is the home of our intercollegiate men's and women's soccer programs. This lighted soccer stadium seats 1,500 and the dimensions of the field span 120 yards in length by 70 yards in width.

The **FIU Tennis Center** has twelve lighted courts and is home to the women's tennis program. Six courts are open for daily recreational play.

The **FIU Softball Stadium** houses our intercollegiate softball program and seats 300. It is equipped with three covered batting cages, and three bullpen areas located outside the outfield walls.

FIU students are admitted to all regular season intercollegiate athletic home games free of charge. Presentation of a valid university identification card is required.

For additional information visit the athletic department's website at fiusports.com or call the University Credit Union Box office at 348-4263 (**FIU-GAME**).

STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER

Under the leadership of Academic Affairs, the Student Athlete Academic Center provides a range of academic support services for student athletes—including advising, tutoring, and monitoring of academic progress. The Center is located west of the FIU Arena, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, and has hours of operation to meet the needs of the full-time student athlete. The Center is equipped with a computer laboratory, study carrels, and classrooms. It is staffed with advisors, tutors, and learning specialists. The unit works in conjunction with various university academic departments, as well as with other university support units to ensure the academic success of athletes. For information call (305) 348-6412.

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