

President Mark B. Rosenberg



Dear Graduate Students:

Welcome to FIU! This Graduate Catalog provides an 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 provides a rare combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability. We offer many opportunities for community and global engagement through nearly 190 bachelor, master 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 2013, our Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine received full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, establishing South Florida's only public medical school. The first class graduated in 2013. 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.

The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine includes the Benjamin Leon, Jr. Family Center for Geriatric Research and Education. This center focuses on treating health issues that affect the culturally diverse elderly population of South Florida. Another innovative program addressing community challenges is the Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ program, which is one of its kind in the nation. Overall, FIU's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine is a vital medical college that is transforming medical education and health care in the region and greatly enhancing the university's research mission.

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 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 at FIU the resources and opportunity to fulfill your personal and professional goals.

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Dear Graduate Students:

Welcome to the University Graduate School at FIU. The Graduate Catalog lists the full range of programs and courses as well as helpful information concerning University services. The University offers a wide range of graduate programs to satisfy virtually every personal or professional pursuit. We have over 120 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 8367 students and an overall enrollment of over 54,099 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.

Economic growth is becoming increasingly dependent on producing ideas rather than on producing things. Millions of new jobs now require graduate degrees. At FIU, we take pride in designing graduate programs that are student-centered and are relevant to our times. Our graduate faculty are worlds ahead in using the rapidly-developing interdisciplinary research to create new graduate curricula. Our research programs have always attracted a very talented group of graduate students. Our focus on research-integrated graduate curricula, and the rich cultural diversity of our campus, provide the graduate students with the most exciting and dynamic learning environment at FIU.

Florida International University also offers excellent infrastructure for cutting-edge graduate work. 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. We also have excellent professional training and development opportunities designed to prepare the graduate students to be successful in their chosen careers.

We are glad you have chosen to be a part of our rich academic culture, and we are committed to providing you with the most stimulating learning environment.