

Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs seeks to enhance the academic mission of the University by promoting a vast array of educational, social, and cultural opportunities and programs. We believe that a student's education takes place both inside and **outside** the classroom. We aim to provide an environment that supports the growth and development of our students by catering to their social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs. From orientation to job interview skills, volunteer opportunities to multicultural programs, health promotion to residential life, Student Affairs is here to help students make the most of their university experience. To guide that effort, the Division of Student Affairs has adopted eight competency areas as its divisional student learning outcomes. These competencies are: Critical Thinking/Problem Solving; Oral/Written Communication; Teamwork/Collaboration; Digital Technology; Leadership; Professionalism/Work Ethic; Career Management; and Global/Intercultural Fluency. Through involvement in Student Affairs programs and services, students become more competent in these areas and are, thus, better prepared for a successful transition to the workplace. More information can be found at go.fiu.edu/slo.

CAMPUS LIFE

The Department of Campus Life provides a variety of programs and services to students and the University community. Student's academic learning and success is enhanced through their active participation in the co-curricular opportunities offered in areas of leadership development, communication and organizational skills, service, event planning and evaluation techniques. In addition to many already successful programs that are offered, Campus Life collaborates with other departments to coordinate programs and events.

The Department of Campus Life includes the Student Government Association, Black Student Union, Council for Student Organizations (MMC), Student Organizations Council (BBC), Student Programming Council, Sorority and Fraternity Life, Multifaith Council, Homecoming Council, and Panther Power (BBC).

Location: GC 2240, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2138; WUC 141, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5804.

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER

Established in 1975, the Children's Creative Learning Center, an Educational Research Center for Child Development, is an AdvancED accredited Early Learning School. The Center, a department within the Division of Students Affairs, is located on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and offers an educational preschool program for young children.

The Center serves children who have achieved bathroom independence between the ages of 2½ through 5 years, Monday through Friday. Main building hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Children who may be working toward achieving bathroom independence and are between the ages 2 to 2½ years are eligible for the Center's Toddler program, housed in the Graham Center, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The essence of the program at the Center is built around verbal communication, enhancing the children's ability to be in touch with their different feelings and to express them verbally. Additionally, the Center's objectives for each child are the development of: self-concept and self-reliance, independent decision making, the ability to confront and resolve problems, respect and consideration for others, social skills and interpersonal relations.

The Center participates in the Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program for four-year-old children, and is available within the hours of the full-day program. Step Up For Students Kindergarten Scholarship is available for low-income kindergarten families. The Center is a School Readiness Provider.

Center enrollment priority is given to children of FIU students. To request an admission form, stop by the Center or call (305) 348-2143.

Web site: children.fiu.edu.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Fraternities and sororities contribute to the university by promoting leadership, scholarship, service, social activities, brotherhood and sisterhood.

The Greek Community at FIU consists of 20 fraternities and 17 sororities. While each organization maintains its own activities, each is founded on similar principles of academic excellence, leadership, community service, and lifelong friendship. Joining the fraternity and sorority community provides an opportunity to gain leadership skills through involvement on campus. Formal recruitment periods and membership intake processes are held fall or/and spring semesters, depending on the organization and council. For more information, please check our website.

Location: GC 2240, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2138.

Web site: Greeks.fiu.edu.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association (SGA) is comprised of representatives from all Schools and Colleges who are elected by the student body. There is a Student Government Council at both the Biscayne Bay Campus and Modesto A. Maidique Campus. SGA is responsible for overseeing and appropriating the Activity and Service (A&S) fees paid by all students each semester. These fees fund many of the campus life events, student activities, and clubs and organizations. SGA also acts as the liaison between the students and administrative areas of the University, specifically speaking and lobbying on behalf of students.

SGA members represent the student body on University-wide committees and task forces to ensure student representation at the administrative level. SGA meets regularly and students are highly encouraged to attend meetings and become involved in all aspects of Student Government.

Location: GC 230, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2121; WUC 301, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5680.

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

The Center for Leadership and Service (CLS) provides students with developmental and experiential opportunities that foster leadership, action, and community engagement. Through leadership education, service-learning, civic engagement, service, and social innovation, students will become active citizens on-campus, in their respective communities, and globally. The vision of the CLS is to develop students for engagement in lifelong leading, service, and learning.

Leadership education is offered through co-curricular (non-credit) programs. Non-credit leadership development programs range from one-hour skill building workshops, to semester-based programs (Academy of Leaders), to yearlong living/learning communities on campus. All of these programs are interactive and experiential in nature and are offered at a variety of times to accommodate our diverse student population. Programs are developmental in nature, so students can begin with an entry-level program and progress to more advanced leadership training while at FIU. Consult the department web site for program descriptions and application details, leadserve.fiu.edu.

CLS is also the central office for service development, by offering a clearinghouse and resource center for volunteer activities, service-learning, and advocacy for social issues. Three major service projects are sponsored by CLS. Alternative Break (B) educates students about social issues and encourages them to make a difference by participating in direct service projects in communities throughout the country and abroad. Roarthon is a student-run philanthropy dedicated to raising money for the Children's Miracle Network. Students can serve on the planning committee or participate as dancers in the overnight fundraiser that benefits the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Foundation. Relay for Life is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. A committee of FIU students organizes the overnight walk and thousands participate in the event to celebrate life and provide hope for those touched by this disease. By taking leadership roles in organizing and implementing these projects, students are able to practice and refine their leadership skills.

Students may also take on leadership roles by providing peer education. The LEAD Team is a student group that promotes and supports leadership development. The LEAD Team participates as program promoters and department ambassadors, group facilitators, classroom presenters, and consultants to student organizations.

The Center for Leadership and Service is dedicated to developing the leadership capacity and service ethic of all students, regardless of position or title.

Location: GC 242 Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-6995; WUC 353, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5360.

Web site: leadserve.fiu.edu.

MULTIFAITH COUNCIL

The Multifaith Council serves student groups involved in a variety of activities. Professional representatives from various faiths are available for personal appointments. Individual denominations sponsor campus-wide programs

including worship, study groups, social gatherings, and cultural events. Campus Ministry sponsors programs and activities that are non-denominational.

Location: GC 318, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-3902; CM 101, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5247.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The American Disabilities Act (ADA) requires institutions to make reasonable accommodations in order to provide students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in courses, programs, services, and activities at Florida International University.

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. The DRC provides FIU students with disabilities the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. Accommodations may include: note takers, extended time on assignments, adaptive equipment/technology, testing accommodations, CART services, ASL Interpreters, and readers/scribes.

For more information about our services, you may visit our website at drc.fiu.edu.

If you have a history or diagnosis of disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact the DRC's MMC or BBC Office using the following information. Modesto A. Maidique Campus: GC 190, (305) 348-3532; Biscayne Bay Campus: WUC 131, (305) 919-5345.

Class Attendance

If a qualified student with a disability believes it may not be possible to abide by the attendance policy due to disability related reasons, the student should contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at the beginning of the semester, or as soon as the need arises, to discuss the possibility of the accommodation being initiated.

The DRC may determine that a student's disability entitles the student to an adaptation of the usual course attendance policy. Adaptations of course attendance policies will be determined on an individual, case-by-case basis. Adaptations of the course attendance policy does not mean that unlimited absences will be permitted. Florida International University's Disability Resource Center attempts to make every effort to accommodate students' disability related academic needs. However, neither the university nor an individual faculty member is required to waive essential or fundamental academic requirements of a course regardless of the nature of a student's disability.

Regardless of the adaptation of the course attendance policy, the student is required to meet all of the academic course requirements and to complete all assignments and examinations. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the material and notes from missed classes. The student will be graded according to the criteria stated in the class syllabus.

Students should note that absences for non-disability related reasons will not be excused by the DRC and are only vetted through the professor of the course. When an attendance accommodation is determined to be reasonable, a DRC Access Consultant will work with the faculty to define the parameters of the accommodation.

This does not mean a student may miss class whenever they like.

If a student finds that he or she is not doing well in the class due to extended absences, the student is urged to consider options such as dropping the class, withdrawing from the class or taking an incomplete.

Testing and Exam Proctor Forms:

Students with testing accommodations that will be testing at the DRC must work with professors at the beginning of each semester to complete an Exam Proctor Form as it provides the test proctor with information that is fundamental to the testing process, such as testing conditions, allotted time for tests, and the way in which tests are received at the DRC and delivered back to the professor.

In cases where professors do not have their test dates finalized by the first week of class, an Exam Proctor Form must still be completed and submitted. Changes or additional exam dates can be provided by the professor to the Testing Coordinator as long as it is provided a minimum of **one week before** the scheduled exam date. For more information or to view our forms, please visit drc.fiu.edu

Training

The DRC and Equal Opportunity Programs and Diversity (EOPD) will coordinate the provision of training to academic advisors and faculty members regarding best practices in accommodating students with disabilities.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Good health is essential to students' success while at the university and throughout their life. Therefore, Student Health Services (SHS) is committed to providing registered students with free or low-cost quality medical care, which will allow them to thrive both academically and personally. Our healthcare centers are located at both the Biscayne Bay (BBC) and Modesto A. Maidique (MMC) campuses to serve our students. The care offered has a strong focus on education and works with students on ways to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Clinical Services include:

- Care for common illness and injuries
- Behavioral health/Psychiatry
- Dermatology
- Women's health/Gynecology
- Women's health services
- Pre-matriculation and preventive vaccines
- Preventive screenings, EKG's, and Laboratory testing (blood work, urine test, and cultures)
- After hours, holiday, and weekend nurse answer line. MMC (305) 348-2401 opt. 2; BBC (305) 919-5620 opt. 2.

Pharmacy services at MMC include*:

- Over-the-counter (OTC) products and prescription medications at competitive prices.
- Natural and organic products
- Individualized education and counseling on prescription medications and OTC products

*Although a full-service pharmacy is not available at BBC, pre-packaged medications are dispensed by practitioners at that location.

Other services

- Assist students with obtaining University-sponsored student health insurance plans to help offset the cost of services not covered under the health fee.

For more information about us and a complete list of our services, visit our website at <http://studenthealth.fiu.edu>.

Location: Student Health Center (near the College of Law), Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2401 ext. 2; Health Care Center (HCC) Building located by parking lot 1-C, Biscayne Bay Campus.

HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES

Health Promotion Services (HPS) focuses on developing Healthy Panthers through a variety of primary prevention programs offered by the Healthy Living and Health Compliance service units. The main goal for HPS is to engage students, educate them on healthier lifestyle choices and create on-campus experiences that foster healthy living.

The **Healthy Living Program (HLP)** strives to make the "healthy choice, the easy choice for students." While participating in the HLP events and services, FIU students learn new ways to eat healthier, manage their stress, manage their sexual health and make healthier lifestyle choices. Services and workshops are offered on a variety of topics such as: **stress management, nutrition coaching, sleep hygiene, sexual health, aromatherapy, massage therapy, and acupuncture.**

In addition, Health Compliance (HC) services assists students in navigating through the registration process by educating students on pre-matriculation health requirements such as mandatory vaccines and health insurance for international students.

For more information about all the services offered on-campus that assist with personal well-being please visit go.fiu.edu/healthyliving.

Location: Student Health Center 180 (near the College of Law), Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2401 ext. 5, Biscayne Bay Campus; Health Promotion Services (third floor of the Wolfe University Center 307), (305) 348-919-5307.

STUDENT MEDIA

Student media at FIU include PantherNow Print, PantherNow, and The Roar radio.

PantherNow Print is an editorially independent publication produced by students and distributed free. The purpose of PantherNow is to keep the University community informed about campus news, events and activities; to serve as a forum for opinion and commentary concerning campus related topics; and to protect the interests of the University community and its component parts. It is published on Wednesdays during the fall and spring terms, except during holiday breaks. It is also published seven times during the summer term. Students can work on the staff in news and features, photography, and/or advertising. No prior experience is required.

The Roar is FIU's radio station located at 88.1, 95.3 (MMC), and 96.9 (BBC) FM. Its programming is an eclectic mix of the latest music on the cutting edge of the alternative scene, FIU sports play-by-play, and news. Programming also includes daily specialty shows that cover the music spectrum of metal to reggae, and in

between Caribbean, hip-hop, rap, Latin rock, jazz, and classical mornings. The station operates 24 hours seven days a week. The station provides a means for students to acquire experience in various disciplines related to the broadcast industry, including hands-on experience in a realistic, business-like setting encompassing teamwork and professional standards. Students can work in areas such as broadcasting, business, promotions, and/or engineering. Prior experience is not required.

PantherNow is a multi-media website that incorporates all of student media. Not only can you read about an event, but you can also listen and watch it with PantherNow's streaming video. The website is updated five days a week. PantherNow accepts advertising.

Location: Panther Press, GC 210, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2709; WUC 220, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-4722. WRGP The Roar, GC 319, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-3071; panthernow.com, GC 210, Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The Department of Housing and Residential Life provides on-campus housing for students on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. All on-campus accommodations are single gender. FIU does not offer co-ed, family, or married housing. FIU student housing is designed to provide a comfortable living environment conducive to supporting students' academic success. The facilities are located within walking distance to classrooms, faculty offices, labs, recreation facilities, and other student services. Multiple room types provide a variety of accommodations to meet students' housing needs and budgets.

The campus residential community provides unique opportunities for personal growth and development, leadership experiences through student participation in programming and activities, and developing an appreciation of and sensitivity to differences. Residents have the opportunity to enjoy social and educational events that are sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and Resident Assistants.

On-campus housing rental rates include all utilities, wireless internet, and satellite television. Each of the residence halls is staffed with both professional and paraprofessional personnel to ensure the facilities are safe and well maintained. For more information regarding services and accommodations, please visit our web page at housing.fiu.edu/.

On-campus housing is available for students taking classes at the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC). Bayview is a privately-run residence hall at BBC. More information about Bayview is available at www.bayviewfiu.com/.

Location: Housing Office, University Park Towers (UPT) 121, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-4190, Fax: (305) 348-4295; e-mail: housing@fiu.edu.

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The mission of the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services (MPAS) is to promote the academic and personal growth of FIU's diverse and traditionally underserved student populations by embracing diversity, promoting social justice, and academic excellence. Through intentional programs and services, we strive to engage, retain, and graduate our students. Staff members assist

with leadership development, career guidance, academic coaching, and financial assistance, tutorial referrals serve as liaisons to academic units, student organizations and university-wide student services. MPAS offers a wide variety of university and community-wide signature events and programs including a month-long MLK Commemorative Celebration, Lavender Graduation, Excellence Awards Program, LGBTQA Mentors Program, LGBTQA Ambassadors Program, Male Mentoring Initiative, Strengths Summit Series, and the LGBTQA Pride Month activities. Students can also take advantage of academic, leadership, and social justice workshops throughout the academic year. Our Social Justice Series workshops are discussion-based dialogues centered around the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within our society and to engage students to critically think about solutions to these larger societal issues. In addition, MPAS offers and monitors the following scholarships: MPAS Scholars, Golden Drum, Bahamian Students, Ozzie Ritchey, SAGE, MLK Essay Awards, Out and Proud, and the Helen Ellison Memorial. Location: GC 216, Modesto A. Maidique Campus (305) 348-2436 and WUC 253, Biscayne Bay Campus (305) 919-5817. Website: mpas.fiu.edu.

Student Support Services (SSS), a TRIO program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education is located at MPAS. The program provides opportunities for academic development, assistance with basic college requirements, and motivates students toward the successful completion of their bachelor degree. The goal of SSSP is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants who are low-income, first generation, and individuals with disabilities. Website: go.fiu.edu/SSS

LGBTQA Initiatives also falls under the MPAS umbrella and provides programs and activities to meet the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Asexual, and Ally (LGBTQA) students at FIU. Programs are offered that create support, awareness, visibility, and education on issues relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We S.A.V.E our students!

Male Mentoring Initiative (MMI) is a program designed to create an atmosphere of academic, social, and professional success for male students enrolled at Florida International University. MMI seeks to help develop college students using a curriculum model that aligns with the university strategic goals. We provide various workshops and services that addresses the many needs of our male student population while reconstructing masculinity in a positive way. MMI is open to all FIU students.

Student Organizations advised through MPAS include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Black Student Union, Stonewall Pride Alliance, the Gay Straight Alliance (BBC) S.P.E.A.K., and the Student Support Services Club.

AAA Tutorials and Computer Lab (Assistance for Academic Achievement) are free tutoring (Math, Sciences and Languages) and printing services available to all enrolled FIU students at both campuses. Location: GC 267, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, WUC 253, Biscayne Bay Campus.

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

The Ombudsman Office acts as an impartial and confidential forum to assist students who have encountered problems or conflicts at the University, particularly problems or concerns not adequately addressed through normal channels. This may include correcting processes or procedures that hinder resolving the issue or are causing an inordinate delay. The Ombudsman may resolve problems through various methods, including, making inquiries or referrals to the appropriate university department for review. The Ombudsman may be utilized in situations where all areas of appeal have been exhausted or proven unsuccessful. Location: GC 219, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2797.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

The Dean of Students, in the Division of Student Affairs, creates a culture of care for students, their families, faculty and staff by providing proactive education, consultation, resources, and response to distressed students or students in crisis. Some students will face obstacles along the path toward their academic goals, such as personal distress, anxiety, depression, family emergencies, health issues and more. There are excellent support services on campus to assist students, with the purpose of getting them back on track toward their goals. The Dean of Students can assist students one-on-one by identifying the appropriate campus resources to best help them. Location: GC 219, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-2797.

ORIENTATION AND PARENT PROGRAMS

The Office of Orientation and Parent Programs provides resources, services, and programs to all new students and families entering Florida International University. The mandatory orientation program is designed to assist new students with the transition to university life by introducing them to the vast array of resources available at FIU, providing time to work with an academic advisor, and giving them an opportunity to get to know their new classmates. New students meet with a Peer Advisor who introduces them to the campus surroundings and provides valuable insight into what it is like to be an FIU student. Students are also given the opportunity to receive their official FIU Student ID/ FIU OneCard, discover the variety of ways to get involved on campus, and learn how to use the online student registration system.

Freshman Orientation and Transfer Advising & Registration Days for transfer students are held prior to the fall, spring, and summer semesters. A Parent and Family Orientation is also offered during each freshman session to introduce family members to FIU and assist them with preparing to meet the challenges of supporting a college student. Information about registering for Orientation is e-mailed to newly admitted undergraduate students prior to the first term of enrollment.

The office also coordinates other large-scale events. Panther Camp, an extended orientation program, allows students to develop relationships with fellow students, FIU faculty, and staff, learn more about FIU traditions, resources, involvement opportunities, and much more.

Parent and Family Day is an opportunity for parents and family members to continue their involvement with FIU and to reconnect with their students on campus by attending this spirited event in the fall semester.

Location: GC 189, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and WUC 129, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 348-6414.

Web site: orientation.fiu.edu.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution serves the FIU community by educating members about the Student Code of Conduct and the value of respecting others. Through the student conduct process, we hold students accountable for their behavior in a fair and developmental manner while upholding the rights of the community.

Infringement of an academic nature should be directed to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Complaints that are non-academic should be directed to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

The Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution:

- Holds students accountable for violations of the Student Code of Conduct by administering the student conduct process.
- Selects and trains the members of the Student Conduct Committee and hearing officers.
- Provides educational programs for faculty, staff, and students regarding the student conduct process; ethics and integrity; conflict resolution; and dealing with disruptive students in the classroom.
- Provides support resources to community member who may be victims of misconduct.
- Provides student conduct record background checks for various agencies (Secret Service, FBI, CIA, State Department, DEA, Federal Marshals, Law Enforcement Agencies, Military, Graduate Schools, Law Schools, Dean Certifications, Florida Bar Examiners).
- Manages admissions clearances: The University reserves the right to review the case of any student who has been involved in misconduct prior to admission to determine eligibility for admission.

Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct section in the FIU Student Handbook for more information regarding the student conduct process and procedure. To report a possible violation of the Code of Conduct or a Student of Concern, visit the SCCR website at conduct.fiu.edu. The Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution is located in GC 311 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-3939.

Web site: conduct.fiu.edu.

UNIVERSITY CENTERS

The University Center on each campus provides vital services to students and the University community. The Graham University Center (GC) at Modesto A. Maidique Campus and the Wolfe University Center (WUC) at Biscayne Bay Campus are the focal points for the University community to meet and interact in an educational and vibrant environment. The Centers' staff coordinate the scheduling of space and assist with the production of student and university sponsored events.

As the hub of University life, these centers house the offices of Student Government Association (SGA); Campus Life; Student Programming Council (SPC); Council of Student Organizations (CSO); Student Organization Council (SOC); and Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life.

Graham Center

The Graham Center building has offices, retail stores, food outlets, academic classrooms and event venues. The offices that offer student support services are the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Ombudsman Office, Campus Life, Center for Leadership and Service, Disability Resource Center, Multi-faith Council, Office of Multicultural Programs and Services, Office of Orientation and Parent Programs, Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, Student Media, Upward Bound and Pre-College Programs, and Women's Center. Panther Press student newspaper and The Roar student radio station (WRGP) keep offices and production rooms at the Graham Center.

The Graham Center also offers the following services: event planning, audiovisual/multi-media support, state-of-the-art computer labs, Lost and Found, ATMs, locker rentals, notary public service, vending machines, and Kaplan Test Preparation classes. Additionally, GC offers event facilities such as: meeting rooms, ballrooms, and auditoriums for lectures, banquets, receptions, and weddings. The 23-classroom wing -- located on the second floor and interconnecting with the Barnes & Noble café -- has a large lounge ideal for individual and group studying. University community can enjoy entertainment and the arts by visiting the Student Art Gallery and Piano Lounge, and the Porter Davis Game Room.

The GC mini-mall offers a variety of food locations: The Fresh Food Company serves breakfast, lunch and dinner in an all-you-care-to-eat style. Other offerings include Chili's Too, Faculty Club, Recharge-U convenience store, Jamba Juice, Pollo Tropical, Subway, Burger King, Almazar, Sushi Maki, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Bustelo Café and Sergio's Cuban Café & Grill. Other retail venues include: Barnes and Noble Bookstore (with Starbucks Café), Santi's Hair and Nail Salon, Golden Touch Haircuts & Shaves, Panther's Dry Cleaners, Panther TECH store and Ricoh@FIU (Copy Center, packing and shipping).

The administrative offices of the Graham Center are located in GC 1210, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, The main office number is (305) 348-2297 and the web site is grahamcenter.fiu.edu.

Wolfe University Center

The Wolfe University Center (WUC) is located at the heart of FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus. It is home to the 300-seat Mary Ann Wolfe Theater, houses a state-of-the-art computer lounge, five large meeting rooms, and a multi-purpose ballroom. A multi-purpose dining and catering facility, the Wellness and Recreation Center, and several comfortable study lounges are also provided in the facility. A recent renovation to Panther Square, the Center's lobby and student programmatic space, creates a high-tech destination on campus where students can study, connect with others and host events.

The Center is also host to the Team Ropes Adventure Challenge (TRAC), one of the most complete and professional team-building training programs in South Florida. TRAC is an experiential education program that focuses on human development and group dynamics.

Participants will learn new skills through a series of adventure-based activities that provide training in leadership, teambuilding development, communication, and problem solving skills.

Center tenants include Student Affairs departments for Disability Resource Center, Multicultural Programs and Services, Health Promotion Services and Counseling and Psychological Services. University support offices include the University Credit Union, the FIU One Card Office/Wells Fargo, Ricoh @ FIU (copy center, packing and shipping), vending machines, ATM, Lost and Found, Career and Talent Development, and International Student and Scholar Services. The administrative offices of the Wolfe University Center are located in WUC 325 at Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5800 and web site is wuc.fiu.edu.

The Barnes and Noble University Bookstore is located on the first floor at both University Centers.

Location: GC 2200, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-1506; WUC 130, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5359.

WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center at FIU provides numerous programs and services to support FIU students in their personal, academic, and professional development. The Women's Center collaborates and coordinates with other university departments and student organizations to meet the needs and enhance the lives of our diverse female population. While our programs and services focus on women, they are open to the entire community and include confidential referrals, leadership, and volunteer opportunities. We educate and advocate for systemic changes that will improve the lives of everyone on campus.

Our curriculum includes the following programs:

- Women in STEM Living Learning Community partnership with Housing & Residential Life
- Sisterhood Retreat (Women's Empowerment Weekend)
- Women Who Lead Conference
- Workshops and Discussion Series (also available by request)
- National Love Your Body Day events
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month events including Take Back the Night
- FIU Gender Equity Coalition (FIUGE) student organization
- National Organization for Women (NOW) student organization
- Generation Action student organization
- UN Women (USNC-UN Women) student organization

Location: GC 212, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-1506; WUC 353, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5359.

Web site: women.fiu.edu.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides a variety of services and resources designed to help

currently registered FIU students achieve and maintain optimum mental health. Therapists, utilizing the short-term psychotherapy approach, assist students in developing effective coping skills and decision-making abilities; developing effective communication skills; and identifying and managing daily stressors. All therapeutic services are confidential and can be utilized either in person or online, depending on the type of service desired.

CAPS services include:

- Individual, group, and couples therapy for issues such as: anxiety, depression, stress, grief, and interpersonal and relationship problems
- In-person screenings for substance abuse and eating disorders/body image issues
- Psycho-educational and Neuropsychological testing
- Biofeedback
- Crisis intervention
- Psychiatric services

CAPS online programs include:

- Workshops for time management, anger management, and stress management
- Screenings for anxiety, depression, eating disorders, and bipolar disorder
- TAO – a therapy assisted online program for anxiety reduction and overcoming depression
- Teletherapy and telepsychiatry appointments for distance services

CAPS/ VEP Outreach Programming

Throughout the year, the staff at CAPS participates in campus-wide outreach activities designed to increase student awareness about mental health and services provided at the center. In addition, CAPS/VEP sponsor a series of workshops to enhance students' personal and academic skills, and collaborates with other departments at FIU by co-sponsoring events. CAPS/VEP outreach events are a great way to learn, be entertained, have fun, and make new friends.

Location: GC 211_Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-CAPS (2277); WUC 320, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5305.

Web site: caps.fiu.edu

Victim services may also be accessed through a 24-hour crisis hotline: (305) 348-2277.

Web site: vep.fiu.edu

CAPS Victim Empowerment Program (VEP)

VEP services are free of charge and confidential.

VEP services include:

- Crisis Support and assistance in accessing community and University resources, and helping students understand the different options available to them during or after experiencing actual or threatened abuse or violence. This information is also available to students who may want resources for someone they know.
- Help with issues related to relationship abuse, sexual assault, stalking, assault and battery, homicide of friend or relative, hate crimes, harassment, and re-emergence of problems as a result of a past abuse such as childhood sexual abuse.

Other VEP services available (if desired by student):

- Safety planning
- Understanding and navigating the criminal justice system
- Assistance in making police reports (if desired)
- Petitioning the court for an injunction for protection (“restraining order”)
- Finding legal assistance
- Finding emergency safe shelter
- Communicating with professors and/or other parties as requested by the victim
- Help with university administrative procedures
- Student conduct proceedings
- Escort to appointments, hearings, and medical facilities
- Help with other solutions that may be necessary

Location/Contact: SHS 270, MMC, (305) 348-2277, BBC by appointment. After hours urgent help: 305-348-2277

Additional information and resources available at vep.fiu.edu.

WELLNESS & RECREATION SERVICES

Recreational sports programs and fitness facilities are available for Florida International University students, faculty, staff and alumni through the Wellness and Recreation Centers at MMC and BBC. Funding for these services is primarily through student fees allocated by the FIU Student Government Association (SGA).

A variety of Intramural (IM) Sports are offered on each campus, including men's, women's and co-rec leagues in sports such as flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball and soccer, and tournaments for sports like racquetball, tennis, and table tennis. Individuals looking for a team are encouraged to register as “free agents”. Registration for Intramural Sports can be initiated via the web on the Wellness and Recreation Center website (see URL below).

The newly remodeled 120,000+ square foot MMC Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC) is equipped with state-of-the-art exercise and cardiovascular fitness equipment. In addition to free weights, the center provides resistance and selectorized equipment, steppers, upright and recumbent bicycles, treadmills, rowers, and ellipticals. Two basketball gyms, locker rooms and a Pro Shop are also available. The WRC is located west of the Student Health Services Complex near Parkview Hall.

Over 75 PantherFIT group fitness classes per week are scheduled in the WRC. Free group exercise classes are offered throughout the year including: Hardbodies, Pilates, Ultimate Abs, and Zumba®, as well as specialty classes such as Yoga, Group Cycling, and Capoeira. Fitness orientations, body composition evaluations, and personal training are also featured. Non-credit fitness workshops and American Heart Assoc. (AHA)/CPR/AED certifications are offered.

The Wellness and Recreation Center - BBC is located on the first floor of the Wolfe University Center (WUC), Room 160. The 70,000 square foot Center which includes an aquatic training facility, home to FIU's four-time Conference USA Women Swimming and Diving Champions. The WRC – BBC features 21 cardiovascular machines with a TV/Video Village, locker rooms and showers and state of the are LifeFitness selectorized, and Hammer Strength fitness equipment. Additionally, there is

a Group Exercise aerobics studio with ballet bars. The WRC – BBC hosts Cardio vascular group exercise classes include Yoga, Hip Hop Dance, Belly Dancing, Body Sculpting, Dance Aerobics, Cross-Fit and Zumba®. Free massages are offered on Mondays. Additionally, the Wellness & Recreation - BBC offers Kayaking, Nighttime Kayaking and Stand-up Paddle Board excursions from our Outdoor X program. Make sure to stop in and participate in our complimentary Bike Share program available to all of our student participants.

The two campuses offer other facilities for recreational use. The Tennis Centers on the BBC campus offers lighted courts, and tennis lessons are available. The BBC Aquatic Center and MMC Panther Hall Pool provide on-campus swimming opportunities. Student Learn To Swim Programs are available at the BBC Aquatic Center and we have the student club of the year, Poseidon's Panthers. Additionally, water polo classes, triathlon training and Masters Swimming classes are offered weekly at the BBC Aquatic Center. At MMC, students have free access to nearby Tamiami Pool during the week from noon-3:00pm. At MMC, the WRC houses two indoor racquetball courts and one squash court available on a reservation basis. A current, activated Panther OneCard ID is required for access to all recreation facilities and programs.

Other areas of interest include adventure recreation programs (offering outdoor experiential education trips in and out-of-state), sport clubs, the Lose It Weight Loss Program, and special events.

Both Wellness and Recreation offices provide student employment opportunities as sports officials, Membership Assistants, Facility Attendants, Building Supervisors, Lifeguards, group fitness instructors, and personal trainers. MMC is home to the FIU Bike Shop for repair services and retail sales.

Location:

Wellness and Recreation Center – MMC desks: (305) 348-2575 or 305-348-2951

Wellness and Recreation Center – BBC: (305) 919-5678

WRC – MMC Membership Desk: (305) 348-2951

MMC Panther Hall Pool: (305) 348-1895

BBC Aquatic Center: (305) 919-4549

IM Sports: (305) 348-1054 (MMC), (305) 919-4595 (BBC)

Tennis Center: (305) 348-6327 (MMC), (305) 919-4595 (BBC)

MMC Racquetball reservations: (305) 348-2900

Bike Shop: (305) 348-4880

Web sites: recreation.fiu.edu and bbcrec.fiu.edu.

STUDENT FOOD PANTRY

The Student Food Pantry is available to all currently enrolled students located at both the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC) and the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC). The purpose of the pantries is to serve FIU students in need. No proof of need is required. Students can access the Pantry weekly taking up to 10 pounds of food each week. The BBC Student Food Pantry is located in WUC 307 and is run by Healthy Living Program. The MMC Student Food Pantry is located in GC 319 and is overseen by the Center for Leadership & Service. Both Pantries are donations based. Food donations are supported by students, staff, faculty, student organizations, members of the community. Location: GC 319, Modesto A Maidique Campus, (305) 348-3204; WUC 307, Biscayne Bay Campus;

Website: emergencystudentaid.fiu.edu