ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Division of Academic and 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, the Division Academic and Student Affairs is here to help students make the most of their university experience.

CAMPUS LIFE

Campus Life provides a variety of programs and services to students and the university community. Student's academic learning and success are 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. Campus Life collaborates with other units to coordinate programs and events.

Campus Life includes the Black Student Union, Registered Student Organization Council, Student Programming Council, Homecoming Council, and Panther Power. Offices are located in the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (Graham Center 2240 [305] 348-2138) and on the Biscayne Bay Campus (Wolfe University Center 141, [305] 919-5804).

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 can 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 (e.g., Academy of Leaders), to Program on Demand workshops. All of these programs are developmental in nature, 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 emerging leader 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 community service development, offering a clearinghouse and resource center for volunteer activities, academic service-learning, social innovation, and advocacy. CLS supports several community engagement projects throughout the academic year. Alternative Break (AB) 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 6-hour walk and thousands participate in the event to celebrate life and provide hope for those affected 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 group of student facilitators 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 CLS is dedicated to developing the leadership capacity and cultivating active citizenship to all FIU students.

Location: GC 242 Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-6995; WUC 141, Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5771.

Web site: leadserve.fiu.edu.

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER

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

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 those feelings verbally. Additionally, the center's objectives for each child include 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.

Children ages of 2½ through 5 years who have achieved bathroom independence are eligible for programs housed in the Children's Creating Learning Center Main building. Children between the ages 2 to 2½ years who may be working toward achieving bathroom independence are eligible for the Center's Toddler program, housed in the Graham Center.

Center enrollment priority is given to children of FIU students. If you are interested in enrolling your child at the center, it is recommended to place your child on the waiting list as soon as you are comfortable doing so.

For students seeking financial support for child-care, the center has been awarded the Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, the center participates in the Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program for four-year-old children and, Step Up For
CAPS services include:

- Web-based, self-help educational and interactive training modules to assist with stress, emotional distress, development of effective coping skills and more
- Web-based screenings for anxiety, depression, eating disorders, mood swings, and trauma
- TAOConnect, a therapy-assisted online program for a wide range of existing conditions
- Workshops that can help address anxiety, depression, and emotional and interpersonal distress
- In-person consultations to assess for substance abuse and eating disorders/body image issues
- Individual, group, and couples therapy for issues such as: anxiety, depression, stress, grief, and interpersonal and relationship problems
- Psychiatric services (only available in conjunction with CAPS counseling)
- Teletherapy and telepsychiatry appointments
- Crisis intervention
- Biofeedback; and
- Educational and neuropsychological testing (additional fees apply)

For more information, visit us at caps.fiu.edu.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

A part of Student Health & Wellness, The Dean of Students, in the Division of Academic & 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 2112XX, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-3396XXXX. E-mail: dos@fiu.edu

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. As a publicly funded institution, FIU is required to ensure that students with disabilities are not barred from participation in a service, program, or activity based on their disability. To that end, the Disability Resource Center (DRC) facilitates reasonable accommodations made available so that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy the full array of services, programs, and activities offered. The DRC relies on universal design principles and collaboration with our community of stakeholders comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators in creating diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. Additionally, the DRC provides consultation and implementation of individualized accommodations for FIU students with disabilities on a case-by-case basis.

Some of the academic accommodations facilitated by the DRC include: test-taking accommodations such as extended time allotments, the provision of alternative formats for course materials, access to accessible software and adaptive technology equipment including an array of auxiliary aids and equipment loan out program. Other services provided by the DRC include speech-to-text captioning known as Computer Assisted Real Time transcription (CART), and the provision of American Sign Language Interpreter services.

For more information about the array of services offered by the DRC and how to set up a Welcome Appointment with an Access Consultant, visit the DRC website @ drc.fiu.edu.

If you identify as a student with a disability and have received accommodation in the past, have a current disability diagnosis, or complaint and are seeking services due to newly acquired disability and would like to pursue academic accommodations, please contact the DRC's MMC or BBC Office using the following information:

Email: DRC@fiu.edu
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 DRC at the beginning of the semester, or as soon as the need arises, to discuss the possibility of initiating that accommodation.

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. FIU DRC 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 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 (e.g., dropping the class, withdrawing from the class or taking an incomplete grade).

**Testing and Exam Proctor Forms:**

Students with testing accommodations that will be testing with 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 fundamental to the testing process, (e.g., 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 must be provided by the professor to the DRC throughout the semester as long as it is provided a minimum of **one week before** the scheduled exam date. For more information or to view our forms, visit [drc.fiu.edu](http://drc.fiu.edu).

**Training**

The DRC offers a variety of trainings and workshops throughout the semester covering a range of topics including Service and Emotional Support Animals on campus, Disability Sensitivity, Universal Design and accessibility, and even an interactive Breaking Barriers Escape Room. Trainings can be scheduled for small groups or one-on-one through [drc.fiu.edu](http://drc.fiu.edu). You can also visit our website to view any pre-recorded online training at any time.

**FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE**

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

The Greek Community at FIU consists of 16 fraternities and 13 sororities. While each organization creates and manages their 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 and off campus and through regional and national volunteer opportunities.

Formal recruitment periods and membership intake processes are held fall and/or 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](http://Greeks.fiu.edu).

**HEALTH COMPLIANCE**

As part of Student Health and Wellness, Health Compliance (HC) services assists students in navigating through the registration process by educating them on pre-matriculation health requirements such as mandatory immunizations and health insurance for international students. For more information about HC please our website at [https://go.fiu.edu/healthcompliance](https://go.fiu.edu/healthcompliance).

Location: Student Academic Success Center, SASC Lobby (305) 348-2688.

**HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM**

Under the umbrella of Student Health and Wellness, the Healthy Living Program (HLP) focuses on developing Healthy Panthers for Life by educating students and helping them build their personal toolbox to make healthier lifestyle choices. Students can explore the different dimensions of wellness through a combination of traditional health education and alternative therapies, such as massage, aromatherapy, and acupuncture. Recognizing that everyone is an individual, HLP consultations on topics such as stress management, sleep hygiene, nutrition, along with other life skills, help students develop personalized plans to reach their desired goals. HLP programs and events provide students with interactive ways to learn about topics relevant to their personal and academic success. To learn more about the services HLP offers that assist with personal well-being please visit [https://go.fiu.edu/hlp](https://go.fiu.edu/hlp).

Location: HLP MMC Student Health Center Room 180, (305) 346-4020, HLP BBC Student Health Building (305) 919-5307.

**HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

The Department of Housing and Residential Life provides on-campus housing for students on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. We offer single-gender and gender-inclusive accommodations. FIU does not offer family or married student 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, and wireless internet. 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.bayview.fiu.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.

STUDENT HEALTH CLINICS

Good health is essential to students’ success while at the university and throughout their lives. Therefore, the Student Health Clinics, as part of Student Health & Wellness, are 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, & weekend nurse on call.

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 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.

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; Biscayne Bay Campus, (305) 919-5247.

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON

The Ombudsperson 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 Ombudsperson may resolve problems through various methods, including, making inquiries or referrals to the appropriate university department for review. The Ombudsperson 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. E-mail: ombuds@fiu.edu

ORIENTATION AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Orientation and Family Programs supports the successful transition of new undergraduate students into Florida International University. Students are required to complete a two-part orientation process. Virtual Orientation is first and is accessed through a student’s My.FIU.EDU account by clicking the Orientation tile. This online tool highlights university policies, resources and departments and is available to students throughout their time at FIU. After completion of the Virtual Orientation, First-Year students admitted for Early Fall and Fall are required to attend a two-day, on-campus orientation program (spring freshmen have a one-day program). During orientation students meet with advisors, register for classes, get their FIU OneCard (student ID), tour the campus and learn about the FIU community and resources. Orientation programming is also available for families. Transfer students also sign up for a half-day On-Campus Orientation to take care of business, meet with Academic Advisors and register for courses. Fully-Online students set up an appointment with their Academic Advisor through their Panther Success Network to complete their orientation process. The office also coordinates other large-scale events. Panther Camp, an extended orientation program, allows new 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. Website: orientation.fiu.edu.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION

The Office of Social Justice & Inclusion (OSJI) works with students, faculty, and staff to:
- Empower social change;
- Advocate for diversity and inclusion;
- Educate for justice and equity; and
- Act with empathy and impact.
Location: GC 216, Modesto A. Maidique Campus (305) 348-2436 and WUC 255, Biscayne Bay Campus (305) 919-5817. Website: osji.fiu.edu. Email: osji@fiu.edu.

The Office of Social Justice & Inclusion encourages Panthers to engage with us through some the following programs, services, and resources:

The Pride Center works to create an environment of empowerment, affirmation, and inclusion for all panthers of diverse genders and orientations through education, advocacy, and celebration. Website: pridecenter.fiu.edu.

The Women’s Center at FIU was established to provide FIU students with programs and services related to their intellectual, professional, and personal growth. The Women’s Center collaborates and coordinates with other University departments and student organizations to meet the needs and enhance the lives of the varied female population on campus. The team works to educate and advocate for systemic changes that will improve the lives of everyone at FIU. Website: women.fiu.edu

The Male Mentoring Initiative program was developed to enhance academic, social, and professional success for male identified learners. The goal of MMI is to empower our male identified learners through mentoring and meaningful interactions with staff, former participants, and campus resources. Additionally, this program will provide you with the tools needed to become an engaged and successful member our FIU community.

The Assistance for Academic Achievement (AAA) Tutorial Program is one of the many free services offered by the Office of Social Justice and Inclusion to help all current FIU students in their tough courses.

The Center for Student Engagement supports students’ success by fostering academic, career and campus engagement opportunities via collaborative partnerships with the FIU community. In other words, we’re all about helping you be successful at FIU! From workshops and panels to fairs and peer mentors our department provides students with opportunities to thrive. Location: SASC 428 Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 919-5360. For more information please visit go.fiu.edu/studentfoodpantry. Center 256, Biscayne Bay Campus; (305) 919-5360. For more information please visit go.fiu.edu/studentfoodpantry.

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Please refer to the Code regarding the student conduct and academic integrity processes and procedures, as well as the rights and responsibilities of each FIU student. To report a possible violation of the Code, visit the SCAI website at conduct.fiu.edu. The Office of SCAI is located in GC 311 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, (305) 348-9399.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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STUDENT FOOD PANTRY

The Student Food Pantries are 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 of their choice weekly taking up to 10 pounds of food each week. The BBC Student Food Pantry is located in WUC 256. The MMC Student Food Pantry is located in GC 319. Both Pantries are overseen by the Center for Leadership and Service. Food donations are supported by students, staff, faculty, student organizations, and community members. Location: GC 319, Modesto A Maidique Campus, (305) 348-3204; Wolfe University Center 256, Biscayne Bay Campus; (305) 919-5360. For more information please visit go.fiu.edu/studentfoodpantry.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association (SGA) is comprised of representatives from all Schools and Colleges who are elected by the student body. 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.

UNIVERSITY CENTERS

The University Center on each campus provides vital services to students and the university community. The Graham University Center (GC) on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and the Wolfe University Center (WUC) on the 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 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 through Student Life and Development; and the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life.

Graham Center

The Graham Center building has offices, retail stores, food venues, academic classrooms and event spaces. The offices that offer student support services are the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs, Ombudsperson Office, Dean of Students, Campus Life, Center for Leadership and Service, Disability Resource Center, Multi-faith Council, Office of Social Justice and Inclusion, Office of Orientation and Family Programs, Counseling and Psychological Services Outreach, Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, Upward Bound and Pre-College Programs, and Student Health and Wellness. 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, a state-of-the-art computer lab, lost and found, ATMs, locker rentals, notary public service, and vending machines. Additionally, the Graham Center offers event facilities (e.g., meeting rooms, ballrooms, and auditoriums for lectures, banquets, receptions, and weddings). The 23-classroom wing located on the second floor and connecting to the Barnes and Noble café – has a large lounge ideal for individual and group studying. The university community can enjoy entertainment and the arts by visiting the Student Art Gallery and Piano Lounge, and the Porter Davis Game Room.

The Graham Center mini-mall offers a variety of food locations: The 8th Street Campus Kitchen serves breakfast, lunch and dinner in an all-you-care-to-eat style. Other offerings include the Faculty Club, Recharge-U convenience store, Jamba Juice, Pollo Tropical, Subway, Panera Bread, Pincho Factory, Almazar, Sushi Maki, Bustelo Café, La Ventanita, and Sergio’s Cuban Café & Grill. Other retail venues include: Barnes and Noble Bookstore (with Starbucks Café), Wayki’s Hair and Nail Salon, Golden Touch Haircuts & Shaves, Panther TECH store and Ricoh@FIU (copy center, packing and shipping).

Administrative offices are located on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (Graham Center 1210, (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, five large meeting spaces, a state-of-the-art computer/collaboration lounge, game room, and a multi-purpose ballroom. The facility also features the Wellness and Recreation Center, as well as both dining and catering services. Panther Square, the Center’s main lobby and programmatic space, was recently renovated to create a high-tech destination where students can study, engage with others, and host events.

The offices in WUC offering student support services include: the Disability Resource Center, Office of Orientation and Family Programs, Office of Social Justice and Inclusion, Campus Life, Center for Leadership and Services, Women’s Center, and Counseling and Psychological Services. University support services include the University Credit Union, FIU One Card Office/Wells Fargo, Ricoh@FIU (copy center, packing and shipping), lost and found, The Student Food Pantry, Career and Talent Development, and International Student and Scholar Services. Administrative offices are located on the Biscayne Bay Campus (Wolfe University Center WUC 325 [305) 919-5800], Website wuc.fiu.edu.

The Barnes and Noble University Bookstore is located on the first floor at both university centers. (Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center 220, [305) 348-2691; Wolfe University Center 130, [305) 919-5580).

OFFICE OF VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs is committed to delivering and facilitating comprehensive “military-friendly” services and programs for FIU veteran and military-affiliated learners. Our team is available to ensure each veteran and military-affiliated learner successfully transitions to college life and fulfills their professional goals.

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs also provides additional support through our Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. The staff in this Center work with students and staff to increase persistence, retention, and graduation rates of student Veterans at FIU. This Center was developed to support Veteran student success by coordinating services to address the academic, financial, physical, and social needs of veteran students. All veterans and military-affiliated students are required to contact the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs to ensure their academic program is approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs. For rate of monthly payment of educational allowances for veterans and dependents, please contact the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs at veterans@fiu.edu. All veteran and military-affiliated student questions should ensure their personal contact information is updated with the Department of Veterans Affairs prior to the start of each semester. Any veteran and/or military-affiliated students questions should be
emailed to veterans@fiu.edu. Please remember to provide your name and Panther ID in all correspondence with our office.

Location: Tower 100, Modesto A. Maidique Campus and WUC 255, Biscayne Bay Campus. Phone: (305) 348-2838. Website: vma.fiu.edu. Email: veterans@fiu.edu.

WELLNESS & RECREATION SERVICES

The Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC) promotes and supports healthy lifestyles by providing participatory fitness and wellness programs, educational experiences, and related services, to improve the individual's physical health. At our centers at MMC and BBC, participants learn to introduce physical activity into their daily college life, developing lifelong, active lifestyle habits.

The Wellness and Recreation Center at MMC is equipped with state-of-the-art exercise and cardiovascular fitness equipment. The Center provides resistance and selectorized equipment, steppers, upright and recumbent bicycles, treadmills, rowsers, and ellipticals in addition to free weights. Two basketball gyms, two indoor racquetball courts and one squash court, locker rooms, a Bike Shop, and a Pro Shop are also available. The WRC is located west of the Student Health Services Complex near Parkview Hall. Numerous PantherFIT group fitness classes are offered per week at the WRC. Free group exercise classes are offered throughout the year including: Hardbodies, Group Cycling, Yoga, and Zumba. Get involved with Sport Programs on both campuses by participating in Intramural (IM) Sports and Sport Clubs. Panthers can play against Panthers by signing up to participate in a variety of IM Sports leagues and tournaments. IM Sports organizes the games, Panthers just need show up and play. Sport Clubs offers both recreational and competitive sports opportunities and the ability to have Panthers represent FIU in state, regional, and national competitions. Sport Programs also now offers the opportunity to get involved with Esports in both the IM Sports and Sport Clubs programs! To get involved, visit wrc.fiu.edu.

The Wellness and Recreation Center at BBC is located on the first floor of the Wolfe University Center (WUC), Room 160 and it includes an aquatic training facility, home to FIU’s six-time Conference USA Women Swimming and Diving Champions. The WRC at BBC features state of the art fitness equipment, a Group Exercise aerobics studio, locker rooms and showers. A variety of group exercise classes such as Yoga, Hip Hop Dance, Belly Dancing, etc are also hosted at the center. Additionally, the WRC at 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 student participants. New additions to the center includes a newly renovated Outdoor Recreation support building (which include a multipurpose room and new restrooms to support outdoor recreational services) and a Sand Volleyball Court located at Bay View Housing.

Both centers offer other facilities for recreational use such as Tennis Centers with lighted courts. The BBC Aquatic Center and MMC Panther Pool provide on-campus swimming opportunities. Learn To Swim Programs, 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 outdoor basketball courts, one sand volleyball court, three turf fields, a jogging trail and so much more. The WRC at BBC 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 learn new skills through a series of adventure-based activities that provide training in leadership, teambuilding development, communication, and problem-solving skills.

WRC also offers a new online platform that provides remote access to fitness and wellness programming. Whether it's live weekly Group Exercise classes, on-demand fitness options or professional development, the WRC has something for you to stay active and involved - no matter where you are! Just go to: http://go.fiu.edu/virtualwrc.

Both WRCs provide student employment opportunities as Sports Officials, Membership Assistants, Facility Attendants, Building Supervisors, Lifeguards, Group Fitness Instructors, Personal Trainers, etc. A current activated FIU OneCard is required for access to all recreation facilities and programs.

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