

Intercollegiate Athletics

FIU Athletics has seen tremendous growth since its inception more than 40 years ago. FIU is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and is a member of Conference USA for 17 men's and women's athletic programs. At this time, the sport of beach volleyball is a member of the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association Conference, as Conference USA currently does not sponsor a championship in the sport of beach volleyball. FIU continues to elevate the athletics program and has won twelve Conference USA Championships between 2015 and 2021, including seven-time repeat of championships won by the Women's Swimming and Diving team. Sports programs and services in Intercollegiate Athletics provide opportunities 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 FIU Athletic teams have won conference championships in recent seasons (including women's swimming and diving, golf, baseball, and men's soccer and tennis), while many other student athletes have garnered All-American and other accolades across the sport programs. FIU's intercollegiate sports programs for women include basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis, track, softball, cross-country, swimming and diving, and beach volleyball. Men's sports include basketball, football, soccer, baseball, track, and cross-country.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

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

Ricardo Silva Stadium opened in fall 2008. The stadium features more than 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 **Stadium Club**, which is a multi-purpose room that can be used for various events. The stadium is the home of our intercollegiate football program.

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

The **Ocean Bank Convocation Center** 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 Ocean Bank Convocation Center are seven classrooms

and eight locker rooms. In 2017, new upper-level seating was installed.

The **Baseball Stadium** is the home to our intercollegiate baseball team. The stadium has a seating capacity of 2,200 and offers two luxury suites, with a capacity for 20 and 25, respectively; both suites overlook the field. The Baseball Stadium also houses indoor batting cages (located under the first base bleachers) and outdoor cages (located just outside the left-field fence). In 2017, a new Musco lighting system was installed. In 2018, the locker room and team lounge were renovated.

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

The **FIU Tennis Center** has 6 lighted courts and is home to the women's tennis program.

The **FIU Softball Stadium** houses our intercollegiate softball program. Along side first base is the building which opened in 2018 with a locker room, coaches offices, and team lounge for student athletes. The elevated grandstands and press box, completed in 2014, seat 500. Adjacent to the Felsberg Field are covered batting cages and three bullpen areas.

The **FIU Beach Volleyball Courts** were completed in 2012 and are home to our nationally ranked beach volleyball program.

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 fiusports.com or call the University Credit Union Box office at (305) 348-4263 (305-FIU-GAME).

STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER

Under the leadership of the Division of Academic and Student 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 Student Athlete Academic Center is located west of the Ocean Bank Convocation Center on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, with hours of operation to meet the needs of student athletes. The Student Athlete Academic Center is equipped with computer laboratories, study carrels, and classrooms. It is staffed with advisors, tutors, and learning specialists. The unit works with university academic departments and other units to ensure the academic support and success of student athletes. For information, call (305) 348-6412.

