Welcome to FSU!

We are thrilled to have you on campus for Orientation as you start your FSU journey. Our goal, now and after Orientation, is to help connect you with resources, support systems, and people who are here to help you be successful. FSU is a vibrant institution where you can be a part of just about anything—from scientific research to studying abroad and from being in a student organization to having an amazing internship—it’s all here! As you learn more about the University, we hope you will seek opportunities to excel in your academics, engage with other students, build community, and experience all the traditions, events, and moments that help make the FSU and Tallahassee special.

Welcome to FSU and Go Noles!

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Florida State University is a community dedicated to creating an inclusive and equitable campus. We honor each person’s dignity and worth, while celebrating diversity. We recognize the importance of differing opinions and the free expression of all viewpoints through open-minded and civil dialogue throughout the campus community.

We Uphold the Garnet and Gold by acting with integrity, demonstrating respect for ourselves and our community, holding ourselves and other accountable and representing Florida State University with strength, skill and character.
History and Traditions

Florida State University was founded as the West Florida Seminary in 1851 and began operating in 1857. It started out on the hill where the Westcott Building now stands. In 1909, the name of the college was changed to Florida State College for Women. After World War II, the demand for higher education institutions grew and men were brought back to the campus in 1946. On May 15, 1947 the institution returned to coeducational status, thus changing its name to The Florida State University.
The stadium opened in 1950 and was named for Doak Campbell, who was president during the transition from Florida State College for Women to Florida State University. In 2004, the field was named after football coach Bobby Bowden, which made the official name Bobby Bowden Field at Doak S. Campbell Stadium.

The history of integration at Florida State University is immortalized in the Integration Statue on Legacy Walk. The statue depicts Maxwell Courtney, the first African American to graduate from FSU; Fred Flowers, the first African American to wear a FSU athletic uniform; and Doby Flowers, Florida State's first African American homecoming princess.

Students have the opportunity to receive their class ring and then dip their ring into Westcott Fountain at exactly 6:51 P.M. — 18:51 military time — as a nod to our institution's history.

Legacy Fountain represents the university's evolution from a liberal arts college for women to the nationally acclaimed liberal arts and research university it is today.

VIRES, ARTES, MORES

The seal of Florida State University incorporates three blazing torches, symbolizing the fire given to man by the Greek god Prometheus to enable humanity's progress as a civilization. These torches represent the purpose of the University: to pass on knowledge from generation to generation.

The torch on the left, Vires, signifies strength of all kinds – physical, moral, and intellectual. Artes, the torch in the center, denotes the knowledge we acquire that transcends skills and embraces the appreciation of beauty. The final torch, Mores, encompasses customs, character and tradition.

Through these three values, the physical, mental, and moral growth of the FSU student is fostered.
Abbreviations

ACE - Academic Center for Excellence
Get tutoring for challenging courses or improve your time management and study strategies. Located in the William Johnston Building, students can also check out study rooms or use computers here.

AF - Advising First
Part of the Division of Undergraduate studies, Advising First strategically places professional academic advisors within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU.

ARR - Academic Requirements Report
A concise version of all academic degree requirements and progress on meeting them by course registration and completion status.

ASLC - Askew Student Life Cinema
The student life center, which features an on-campus movie theater, a coffee shop, cyber cafe, and video/board games along with University Housing and Counseling and Psychological Services.

CAPS - Counseling & Psychological Services
Located on the 2nd floor of the Askew Student Life Center, this department has licensed and professionally-trained staff that offer counseling services to current FSU students.

CARE - Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement
Operates to provide equity and access to traditionally underrepresented students disadvantaged by virtue of educational and socioeconomic reasons.

CRE - Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement
An office that provides undergraduate students opportunities to engage in research, creative scholarship, innovation, entrepreneurship and global opportunities, helping undergraduates become better thinkers, innovators and problem solvers.

DSA - Division of Student Affairs
A variety of departments that provide co-curricular activities for students, typically outside of the classroom, to further student development.
DSC - Dunlap Success Center
Houses The Career Center and the Center for Leadership and Social Change.

DSST - Department of Student Support & Transitions
The department on campus that serves students when they are unsure of where to go next, especially if students are in crisis.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid
An online application designed to determine eligibility for student financial aid.

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
A federal law that protects the privacy of students’ educational records by guarding against the release of their records without their consent.

FIG - Freshman Interest Group
A cluster of high-demand courses that have been linked by an academic major or theme, and each includes classes that satisfy requirements like liberal studies or major prerequisites. FIGs help new students connect with others who share their interests or goals.

FSL - Fraternity & Sorority Life
Social fraternities and sororities, which are values-based organizations focused on promoting leadership, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood and service.

FSUPD - Florida State Police Department
A force of sworn, fully accredited officers charged with keeping campus safe. They operate 24/7 and are located on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson.

FTIC - First Time in College
Refers to an incoming student who has not attended college (a freshman).

FWS - Federal Work Study
A need-based program that provides students with valuable work experience and the opportunity to earn money to help meet their educational and personal expenses while enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.

HITM - Honors in the Major
An optional honors thesis program in which an eligible upper-level student works with a faculty member from their major to complete an original independent research project of their choosing over the course of two to three semesters.

IM - Intramural Sports
On-campus recreational sports leagues and events offered each term through Campus Recreation.

IP - International Programs
Provides study abroad opportunities related to academic discipline or personal interest.

LDT - Lower Division Transfer
A student who is transferring from another institution with fewer than 60 credit hours completed.

LIFT - Living Intentionally Finding Togetherness
A collegiate recovery program supporting students interested in recovery from addiction and substance misuse.

LLC - Living Learning Community
A small group of students who live together, share an interest, and take one or two of their classes together.

NSFP - New Student & Family Programs
This department runs orientation and other programming to help students and families transition to FSU.
Abbreviations

**OAS - Office of Accessibility Services**
A resource on campus where students can get help and accommodations if they have a disability.

**OL - Orientation Leader**
A leader on campus who serves as a mentor to incoming students during Orientation and beyond.

**ONF - Office of National Fellowship**
Provides information and support throughout the fellowship application process for students to pursue fellowships for engaged learning, international experiences, research and more.

**RA - Resident Assistant**
A current FSU student that lives and works within the residence hall. RAs coordinate activities, inform students about university norms and expectations, serve as a resource for students.

**RSO - Registered Student Organization**
The name of all student clubs/groups on campus. Students can get involved with over 700 organizations.

**SCCS - Student Conduct & Community Standards**
Educates students on the Student Conduct Code, community behavioral standards, and the rights and responsibilities of the FSU community.

**SGA - Student Government Association**
The governing body of students at FSU, providing students with a voice on campus and allocating funds for university programs and services.

**SOI - Student Organizations & Involvement**
An office on campus dedicated to helping students get involved and find information on specific student organizations.

**SSB - Student Services Building**
Home to the Office of Accessibility Services, the Den and reservable meeting space.

**TA - Teaching Assistant**
Graduate students who assist faculty with classroom activities and instruction.

**UCA - University Center A**
Home to the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Department of Student Support & Transitions, Student Business Services, International Programs, College of Motion Picture Arts, Admissions, etc.

**UCB - University Center B**
Home to the Visitors Center, FSU Champions Club and the Dedman College of Hospitality. A campus tour can be arranged with the Visitors Center.

**UCC - University Center C**
Home to the FSU Testing Center as well as the College of Social Work.

**UCD - University Center D**
Home to the Moore Athletic Center, the Figg Dining Hall and Seminole Productions.

**UDT - Upper Division Transfer**
A student who is transferring from another institution and has 60 or more hours completed.
UGS - Undergraduate Studies
A large unit that offers academic support and engagement programs, works to help students develop sound academic preparation for their major field of study and serves as the academic dean for most freshmen and sophomores.

UHS - University Health Services
Offers health services with licensed and professionally trained staff to students.

UROP - Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
A research experience program designed for first- and second-year undergraduates and recent transfer students.

VAP - Victim Advocate Program
A confidential sources that provides services and support for students who have been a victim of a crime.

Resources
Starting at State Modules
newnole.orientation.fsu.edu

Financial Aid
financialaid.fsu.edu

Health Compliance
studentinsurance.fsu.edu

Students First Information Central
studentsfirst.fsu.edu

The Career Center
career.fsu.edu

Transportation and Parking Services
transportation.fsu.edu

University Housing
housing.fsu.edu

FSU FAMILY CONNECTION
The FSU Family Connection e-newsletter is designed to provide the information families need, when they need it. To set up your preferences and receive custom newsletters, visit:
fsu.campusesp.com/signup

HelloFSU!
Stay in the loop on all things FSU by following HelloFSU! posts on social media. The HelloFSU! university-wide campaign spotlights tips and events designed to help students succeed and have fun at FSU.

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## Terminology

### Advising First
Strategically places professional academic advisors and success coaches within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU.

### Ask a Nole
A program designed to help students navigate their way on campus the first two days of classes.

### Assistant Coordinators/Hall Directors
Full-time graduate students who lives and works in the residence halls.

### Build Your Foundation
A required course for first-time at FSU students that is an introduction to career development and planning.

### Campus Connect
An online system used to schedule advising or tutoring appointments and access reports or notes from advising.

### Canvas
A virtual learning environment and course management system used by FSU students.

### Case Manager
Works with individuals to provide emotional support, advocacy and to identify immediate needs, making appropriate referrals to campus and community resources.

### Chart Your Course
A first year seminar course, SLS 2206, that helps incoming students transition to life in college.

### Delegated Access
Students can provision third party or parental access to delegates, which provides them access to their student's myFSU account.

### Dining Dollars
Campus dining dollars (dollar-for-dollar) that are included with most meal plans that can be used at any dining location. Any unused Dining Dollars will roll over each semester until graduation or separation from the university. These funds are non-transferable and non-refundable.

### Drop/Add
A period when students can adjust their class schedules. Drop/add typically runs the Saturday before classes start through the first four days of classes. Students are financially liable for all courses appearing on their schedule after the fourth day of classes.

### EMPLID
A unique, nine-digit number issued to all students that is used when applying for campus jobs and required on many forms.

### Engage 100
Engage 100 is a collection of courses designed to help first-year students transition to FSU. Through small 0- or 1-hour courses, students meet others with similar interests, explore engagement opportunities and connect with an experienced FSU peer mentor.

### Excess Credit
A law that requires universities to add a surcharge to every credit hour taken in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the pursued degree.
Family Connection e-Newsletter
A digital publication for families that keeps FSU family members in the loop.

Food for Thought Pantry
A food pantry located in University Center A that provides food for students in need.

FSU Card
A required form of ID for students and staff that allows access to FSU buildings and virtual services.

FSU Cash
A form of payment for on-campus services such as laundry, printing, copying, etc. FSU Cash is loaded onto the FSU card with dollar-for-dollar value.

FSUID
Your unique username to log into FSU online technologies. The initials/number part of your FSU email address.

HelloFSU!
An awareness campaign that spotlights tips and events designed to help students engage and succeed at FSU.

Landis Green
The large green space in front of Landis Hall.

Langford Green
The large green space in front of Doak Campbell Stadium.

Liberal Studies
The general education courses and graduation requirements that provide a strong educational foundation for undergraduate students to thrive.

Market Wednesday
An event highlighting recognized student organizations, market vendors, and fraternities and sororities that occurs every Wednesday of the semester.

Meal Swipes
Part of a meal plan that gives access to FSU’s all-you-care-to-eat dining halls.

MyFSU
The online “portal” for all student resources. The myFSU portal connects students to Canvas, their myFSU e-mail account, student financials, academic resources, health resources, campus life, etc.

Night Staff
Students responsible for maintaining safety and security in the residence halls between 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Nite Nole
An evening bus route that runs throughout campus and Tallahassee Tuesday-Sunday from 7 p.m. - 3 a.m.

Nole Central
An online database that highlights student engagement opportunities and organizations on campus.

Nole Network
The Career Center’s system for linking students and alumni directly with hiring employers.

Registration
The process of signing up for classes. Students are assigned an Enrollment Appointment (registration window) based on how many credit hours they have completed. Students should register for classes as soon as their enrollment appointment begins.
**Terminology**

**Residence Coordinator**
A full-time, professional live-in staff member responsible for the overall operations in the hall or complex.

**Seminole Express**
A free bus and paratransit system that serves FSU students, faculty and staff.

**Student Central**
A web-based student information system where students can register for classes, pay their tuition, and access information from Admissions, Financial Aid, etc.

**Strozier/Stroz/Club Stroz**
The main library on campus. Study rooms are located inside for students to reserve.

**Seminole Café**
A dining hall located on the west side of campus.

**Seminole Creed**
Guiding principles FSU students should live by—truthfulness, respect, excellence, freedom of speech and inquiry, diversity, justice, citizenship and discovery.

**Seminole Dining/Aramark**
The food service provider for FSU.

**SeminoleSAFE/FSU Alert**
FSU's emergency notification system that sends out alerts whenever hazardous conditions arise on campus. Students can designate through their MyFSU accounts how they want to be notified.

**Student Agencies**
Identity based organizations on campus that are part of the Student Government Association. Agencies include the Black Student Union (BSU), the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, the Jewish Student Union, the Asian American Student Union, the Pride Student Union, and the Veterans Student Union.

**Suwannee Room**
A dining hall located on the east side of campus.

**The Center**
Center for Leadership and Social Change provides resources and opportunities for leadership education, identity development and community engagement.

**The Globe**
Global and Multicultural Engagement Building which houses the Center for Global Engagement and the RISE Office.

**The Leach**
FSU’s largest campus recreation facility with cardio and strength equipment, an indoor track and courts, as well as a pool and spa.

**Welcome FSU**
A series of events during the first two weeks of classes.

**Work Study**
Allows students that show financial need to work on campus to assist with paying educational expenses.
Orientation Checklist

TO DO

☐ Attend all scheduled New Nole Orientation sessions!

☐ Download the myFSU mobile app to access FSU resources including the Orientation Guide.

☐ Pick up your FSUCard, your student ID that admits you to facilities and programs campuswide.

☐ Submit your Immunization Form to the Health Compliance staff, if you have not already.

☐ Get contact info for your Orientation Leader to connect after Orientation.

☐ Register for classes and your Engage 100 course.

☐ Ask questions!

TO LEARN

☐ The key academic and campus guidelines to best navigate your student experience.

☐ How to find your academic advisor's contact information online.

☐ Free tutoring and academic resources to help you be successful in classes.

☐ The wide range of on-campus entertainment and recreation options available year-round.

☐ The big campus events and traditions you’ll want to put on your calendar.

☐ How to discover student groups and organizations that match your interests.

☐ How to find help when you're not feeling your best, physically or mentally.

☐ Tips for being a good roommate and the many options for meal plans.

What's Next

TO DO AFTER ORIENTATION

☐ Regularly check your fsu.edu email for important University updates.

☐ Submit final transcripts and test scores to the Admissions Office, if you have not already.

☐ Discuss Delegated Access to your student records with your family members.

☐ Complete the AlcoholEDU and Sexual Assault Prevention (EVERFI) online modules.

☐ Ensure you know what you can and need to bring to move into your residence.
First Floor

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT UNION

ENTRANCE FROM UNION GREEN

ENTRANCE FROM LEGACY WALK / UNION PLAZA

ENTRANCE FROM WOODWARD AVENUE

RESTROOMS

PANERA BREAD

PANDA EXPRESS

STARBUCKS

BROOKLYN PIZZA

POLLO TROPICAL

BOOKSTORE

GOLD 1

GOLD 2

GOLD 3

GOLD 4

TRADING POST

ELEVATORS

LOBBY