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## UNIVERSITY NOTICES

### President's Statement on Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination

Florida State University is an equal opportunity employer and educational provider committed to a policy of non-discrimination for any member of the University's community on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veterans' status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other legally protected group status. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, volunteers, visitors, applicants, and contractors in a manner consistent with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, orders, and University policies, procedures, and processes.

In pursuing its mission of excellence as a comprehensive, graduate-research university with a liberal arts base, the University strives to create and maintain a harmonious, high performance work and educational environment. Conduct that discriminates, harasses, or intimidates by threat, is contrary to our commitment. Further, workplace behavior that is disruptive to the operations of the University or that impairs workplace discipline interferes with this mission.

It is my expectation that all members of our community are provided equitable opportunities to succeed and enrich the strength, skill, and character of the University. It is also expected that all members of our community will help create a work and educational environment that promotes fairness, respect, and trust, free from discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.

The University will continue to reinforce its commitment of non-discrimination to all groups protected by local, state, and federal law. We will continue to monitor our methods of recruitment, retention, and advancement of qualified faculty, staff, and students and annually examine our affirmative action plan, as prescribed by federal guidelines, to measure whether our campus is reflective of the community we serve.

The University further recognizes that discriminatory or harassing behavior may create an intimidating or hostile environment that interferes with the University's mission. As a result, the University has established internal complaint procedures available to all who believe their experience on any of our campuses has been less than appropriate.

To facilitate University-wide compliance, I have appointed Renisha Gibbs, Associate Vice President for Human Resources/Finance and Administration Chief of Staff, to develop, administer, and coordinate University-wide initiatives and complaint investigations. This will be accomplished through collaboration with the Title IX Director; Department of Student Support and Transitions; the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement; the Athletics Department; and all University divisions, colleges, and departments.

Questions regarding the above may be directed to your supervisor or Renisha Gibbs at (850) 644-8082 or [rgibbs@fsu.edu](mailto:rgibbs@fsu.edu). To view the University's Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, and Non-Retaliation Policy in its entirety, go to <https://policies.vpfa.fsu.edu/policies-and-procedures/faculty-staff/equal-opportunity-and-compliance-eoc#H3>.

### President's Statement on Title IX

"No person in the United States, shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (Title IX).

Florida State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender in education programs and activities, and, as a recipient of Federal financial assistance for education activities, is required by Title IX to ensure that all of its education programs and activities do not discriminate in such a manner. Sexual harassment, which includes acts of sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. Additionally, the Florida Educational Equity Act prohibits discrimination in schools based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, or marital status. Fla. Stat. § 1000.05 (2012). Furthermore, this commitment is reaffirmed in FSU's **Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy** (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>), which is applicable to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, applicants, and contractors.

The University's Title IX Director is responsible for overseeing the development of sexual misconduct policies, ensuring compliance with Title IX and relevant federal and state regulations, and investigating Title IX complaints alleging **student** sexual misconduct. The Human Resources Deputy Coordinator will oversee investigations of sexual misconduct by **employees and third parties**. The Athletics Deputy Coordinator will accept Title IX incident reports to forward to the Title IX Director, and will ensure athletics

equity compliance. The FSUS Deputy Coordinator will oversee investigations of sexual misconduct by **K-12 students**. Questions regarding Title IX, as well as concerns about and complaints of non-compliance (including complaints of sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, or other sexual misconduct), should be directed to the Title IX Director or a Title IX Deputy Coordinator.

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Complaints will be addressed following the University's discrimination complaint procedures, Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, and Non-Retaliation Policy and Procedures and the **Student Conduct Code** (<https://dsst.fsu.edu/>). Some acts of sexual misconduct may also constitute violations of criminal law and require mandatory reporting to the FSU Police Department, e.g., sexual battery, indecent exposure, sexual abuse, etc. In such instances, refer to the University's Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy

and contact the FSU Police Department at (850) 644-1234. Questions about the application of Title IX may also be directed to the Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Education.

**Title IX Frequently Asked Questions:** For an expanded explanation of each answer, please follow the link.

#### What is Sexual Misconduct?

An umbrella term used to refer to a broad range of sexually inappropriate behaviors prohibited by Florida State University Policy. Sexual Misconduct includes all forms of non-consensual sexual activity and unwelcome sexual conduct including: sexual violence (rape/sexual battery/sexual assault); relationship violence (domestic violence and dating violence); stalking; sex- and gender-based discrimination (including gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation); sexual harassment; and other forms of sexually exploitative behavior. For definitions of sexual misconduct, please see Appendix D of the full *Policy* ([https://knowmore.fsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2.2\\_Sex-Discrimination-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf](https://knowmore.fsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2.2_Sex-Discrimination-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf)).

#### Is discrimination based on pregnancy or parental status a type of sex discrimination?

Yes. Additionally, reasonable pregnancy and parental accommodations may be available, upon request. For information contact the *Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance* ([https://hr.fsu.edu/?page=eoc/eoc\\_home](https://hr.fsu.edu/?page=eoc/eoc_home)).

#### Who is protected from sexual misconduct under Title IX?

All University students, employees, and visitors are protected. This protection is regardless of gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, race, religion, national origin, and any other protected group status. Students from elementary to graduate school are protected, regardless of full- or part-time or online status.

#### What is Consent?

Consent is active and ongoing, it is not passive or static! (See Appendix D of the *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>) for the full definition) Consent includes:

- Asking the question of a capable person with adequate disclosure and without coercion.
- A capable person is someone who is not incapacitated. An individual can be incapacitated by drugs, alcohol, illness, or mental impairment/disability. People who are asleep or unconscious are always incapacitated.
- Consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- Prior consent does not mean future consent.

#### How do I get confidential support?

You can seek confidential support from the University's *Victim Advocate Program* (<https://dsst.fsu.edu/>), *University Counseling Center* (<https://counseling.fsu.edu/>), *Employee Assistance Program* (<https://eap.fsu.edu/>), *University Health Center* (<https://uhs.fsu.edu/>), or University affiliated pastoral counselors.

Confidential disclosure does not generate a Title IX report or criminal report, unless the disclosing party specifically requests that a report be filed. Confidential assistance is available any time regardless of when the incident occurred. Additional resources can be found within the full *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>).

#### How do I file a report?

Individuals may report information on their own behalf or on behalf of another. A report may be made, verbally or in writing (including online) by bringing the matter to the attention of: Title IX Director; Deputy Title IX Coordinators; FSUPD; or any additional Responsible Employees. There is no time limit for an Affected Party to make a Title IX report, but it may be more difficult to conduct a thorough investigation after an extended period of time. See Section IX of the full *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>).

#### Can I file a report online?

Yes, via <https://report.fsu.edu/> or <http://fsu.ethicspoint.com/>.

#### Who MUST report sexual misconduct?

All Responsible Employees, including but not limited to faculty, adjuncts, staff, graduate assistants, and student employees. As a responsible employee, you **must** report any student or subordinate disclosure within two business days. When in doubt, report to the Title IX Director; privacy will be maintained within the scope of the law. Note: Employees and students are encouraged to report peer-to-peer (colleague-to-colleague or student-to-student) disclosure, but are not required to do so.

#### What do I do if a student discloses to me?

If you are a Responsible Employee, you must report to the Title IX Director, Deputy Title IX Coordinators, or Title IX Investigators. If not a Responsible

Employee, you should encourage the student to seek support services. See Appendix E of the full *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>).

#### What if the student who discloses is a minor (or was a minor when the abuse occurred)?

In addition to reporting to the Title IX Director or designee, any incidents of abuse of a minor must also be reported to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) by every individual who is made aware of the abuse. Under Florida's Protection of Vulnerable Persons Act, all Florida residents must personally report any type of child abuse. For more information, please see *Protection of Vulnerable Persons Act Tips* (<https://hr.fsu.edu/pdf/ProtectionofVulnerablePersonsActTips.pdf>).

#### What is the difference between a criminal and FSU/FSUS process?

Individuals have the right to pursue both the criminal and internal University processes. They can be pursued independently or simultaneously. We encourage individuals to pursue both processes. The criminal process is conducted by local law enforcement and the state prosecutor's office. The criminal process can result in incarceration and the evidentiary standard is beyond a reasonable doubt. The internal University investigation is overseen by the University Title IX Director. If appropriate, the University will implement interim measures and University sanctioning; the evidentiary standard is preponderance of the evidence.

#### What happens after a report is made to the Title IX Office?

The University will take appropriate measures to investigate, eliminate the inappropriate conduct, address its effects, and prevent reoccurrence. Whenever possible the Reporting Party's request to the Title IX Director for confidentiality will be maintained. The request for confidentiality must be made to the Title IX Director or designee. Additional information about what happens after disclosure can be found within Sections VIII-XI of the full *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>).

#### What are the rights of the Reporting Parties and Responding Parties?

The rights of both parties during the investigation and adjudication process include a fair, impartial and prompt investigation and resolution of the allegations. For more information see Reporting Party's / Responding Party's Rights, see Appendix H and I of the full *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>).

#### What is retaliation?

Retaliation is any creation of a hostile environment or adverse action threatened or taken against an individual because they:

- make a Report pursuant to this Policy;
- assist another person in making a Report;
- participate in the investigation of such a Report;
- or in good faith and in a reasonable manner oppose conduct that they believe constitutes a violation of this *Policy* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>).

#### What do I do if I think someone is retaliating against me?

Report the retaliation immediately to the Title IX Director, a Deputy Title IX Coordinator, a Title IX Investigator and/or the FSUPD.

#### What could happen if I or someone I know retaliates?

You, or they, could face a charge of retaliation in addition to any charges of sexual misconduct.

#### What is complicity?

Complicity is any action or behavior done with the intent of aiding, facilitating, promoting or encouraging the commission of an act of Sex Discrimination or Sexual Misconduct.

#### Where can I get more information?

- *Policy & Appendices* (<https://regulations.fsu.edu/sites/g/files/upcbnu486/files/policies/president/FSU%20Policy%202-2.pdf>)
- *Rights and Resources* (<https://knowmore.fsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/ba8d7033c71a891a1987eda2721f49f9.pdf>)
- *kNOw More Campaign* (<https://knowmore.fsu.edu/>)
- *FSU's Title IX Website* (<https://knowmore.fsu.edu/title-ix/title-ix-signed-statement/>)
- *Office of Equal Opportunity & Compliance* ([https://hr.fsu.edu/?page=eoc/eoc\\_home](https://hr.fsu.edu/?page=eoc/eoc_home))
- *FSU Police Department* (<https://police.fsu.edu/>)
- *Victim Advocate Program* (<https://dsst.fsu.edu/>)
- *University Counseling Center* (<https://counseling.fsu.edu/>)
- *University Health Services* (<https://healthcenter.fsu.edu/>)

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create a work and educational environment that promotes fairness, respect, and trust, free from discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. Behavior that may be considered offensive, demeaning, or degrading to persons or groups will not be tolerated.

## Conflicts of Interest

The following policy concerning conflicts of interest applies to graduate students who are being supervised or evaluated by faculty as well as graduate students who are serving as teaching assistants and thus supervising or evaluating undergraduates.

Sexual relationships between faculty members/graduate assistants and students where a direct supervisory or evaluative relationship exists are fraught with the potential for exploitation. The respect and trust accorded a faculty member/graduate assistant by a student, as well as the power exercised by the faculty member/graduate assistant in a direct supervisory or evaluative role, make voluntary consent by the student suspect. In their relationships with students, faculty members/graduate assistants are expected to be aware of their professional responsibilities and to avoid conflict of interest, favoritism, or bias.

1. When any direct supervisory or evaluative role exists, a consensual sexual relationship between a student and a faculty member/graduate assistant is a conflict of interest.
2. Any situation of direct supervision or evaluation will be ended immediately when a consensual sexual relationship between a student and a faculty member/graduate assistant exists.
3. Any such relationship must be disclosed to the faculty member/graduate assistant's supervisor immediately.
4. Direct supervision includes any type of evaluative role. Examples of direct supervision of the student include teaching the student's class, serving as a thesis or dissertation director, instructor of record, member of the student's thesis or dissertation committee, member of the student's comprehensive or doctoral exam committee, member of other committees where the focus is evaluation or supervision of the student's academic competence or the student's assistantship.

## Individuals with Disabilities

Florida State University adheres to *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973* and the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)*, as amended by the *Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008*, in prohibiting discrimination against any qualified individual with a disability. Any student with a disability may voluntarily self-report the nature of the disability and identify needed accommodations to the Office of Accessibility Services, call (850) 644-9566. Florida State University's 504 Coordinator is:

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874 Traditions Way (108 Student Services Building)  
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Website: <https://dsst.fsu.edu/>

To request reasonable accommodations for employment or visitors, please contact the Florida State University Human Resources/Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance, located at *University Center, Bldg. A, Suite 6200*, or call (850) 645-6519, or view the applicable policy and procedures at <https://policies.vpfa.fsu.edu/policies-and-procedures/faculty-staff/equal-opportunity-and-compliance-eoc#11>.

## HIV/AIDS Policy

Students, employees, and applicants for admission or employment at Florida State University who have or who may become infected with HIV will not be excluded from enrollment or employment or restricted in their normal responsibilities and access to University services or facilities due to their HIV/AIDS status, unless individual medically based judgments establish that exclusion or restriction is necessary for the welfare of the individual or of other members of the University community. That is, the University will not discriminate against otherwise qualified HIV-infected applicants, students, or employees.

University Health Services is responsible for monitoring developments with regard to HIV/AIDS, acting upon and administering the policies of the Florida Department of Education Division of Colleges and Universities and the University concerning HIV/AIDS and coordinating the University's efforts in educating the University community on the nature and prevention of the disease.

The University will be guided in its implementation of this policy by current authoritative medical information, applicable federal and state law, Florida Department of Education Division of Colleges and Universities' HIV/

AIDS Policy, and the guidelines suggested by the Centers for Disease Control, the Public Health Service, the American College Health Association, and the Florida Department of Health.

Florida State University has designated HIV counselors who are available for FSU students. Counselors are located at University Health Services (850) 644-4567. Confidential HIV testing is available for students at University Health Services. Any interested individuals should call (850) 644-4567 to schedule an appointment.

## Florida State University Statement for Students on the Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol

### Florida State University Alcohol Policy

#### Introduction

Florida State University affirms the guiding ethical principle of responsible freedom. Students, staff, and faculty are expected to show respect for order, ethical conduct, and the rights of others, and to model in daily living a high sense of personal honor and integrity. Florida State University neither encourages nor condemns the legal consumption of alcoholic beverages. The University recognizes, however, that the majority of undergraduate students are below the legal drinking age and that there are serious health risks and behavior problems associated with the use of alcohol in the collegiate environment. Consequently, alcohol will be permitted at Florida State University or programs sponsored by Florida State University or its direct support organizations only in those settings which:

1. Comply with federal or state laws, local ordinances, University regulations, foreign country laws (in the case of study abroad programs conducted by Florida State University International Programs, Inc.), Student Conduct Code, and this policy;
2. Present minimal health and safety risks; and
3. In no way inhibit the full participation of those who choose not to drink alcohol.

Events and activities that encourage excessive drinking and/or lead to the endangerment of individuals will not be permitted. Any person or group in violation of federal or state laws, local ordinances, or of this policy will be reported to the proper federal, state, local or university authorities for appropriate action.

1. **Policy Pertaining to All Members, Groups, Events, and Organizations in the University Community and Non-University Members, Groups, Events, and Organizations.**
  - (a) No individual under the legal drinking age (minimum of 21 years of age permitted by the State of Florida or the minimum age prescribed by the laws of foreign countries, but in no case below the age of 18 years of age) may serve, sell, consume or possess alcohol on University properties, except to the extent allowed by law within licensed premises or designated areas of the University.
  - (b) Alcohol must be served by a licensed and insured third party vendor. No individual may serve or otherwise provide alcohol to persons under the legal drinking age.
  - (c) The Consumption of Alcohol: The consumption of alcohol on University properties will be restricted to the following areas:
    1. Florida State University Law School Rotunda;
    2. Licensed areas of the university (e.g., Center for Professional Development, Club Downunder, Crenshaw Lanes, Renegade Grill);
    3. Academic food service facilities;
    4. University Center areas include:
      - i. Skyboxes
      - ii. Miller Hall (C3300, UC)
      - iii. President's Box (Level 7, UC)
      - iv. Booster/Alumni Board Rooms (C5300, C5301 UC)
      - v. University Club (Building B, Floor 3, UC)
      - vi. Meeting Rooms (Building B, Floors 5 & 6, UC)
    5. Lounges in Beth Moor at Longmire Building;
    6. WFSU-TV and Radio Broadcast Center;
    7. Premises in and around President's house, Pearl Tyner Alumni Center, and surrounding grounds;

8. University property not located on the main campus, which has been leased by the University to private entities or persons, referred to in this rule as "private premises," such as Heritage Grove;
  9. Private University living quarters where those present are of legal drinking age (see the Guide to Residence Living, Community Expectations, for further restrictions that may apply in residence halls; or in the case of living quarters provided for study abroad programs, see policies promulgated by Florida State University International Programs Association, Inc.);
  10. Premises in Doak Campbell Stadium area used or licensed for use on football game days;
  11. At the following sites, when provided in conjunction with an artistic or municipal event:
    - i. The Fine Arts Gallery;
    - ii. The reception/hospitality room in the Opperman Music Hall;
    - iii. The Fine Arts Building; and the
    - iv. FSU Lab Theater.
  12. Werkmeister Reading Room (201 Dodd Hall);
  13. In common areas for special events approved by the University President or his/her designee. For faculty, the designee is the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement, for student groups, the designee is the Vice President for Student Affairs, and for all other groups the designee is the Vice President for University Relations.
- (d) **The Sale of Alcohol:** The sale of alcohol on campus must be approved by the President or designee. Although the President or designee may approve the sale of alcohol on campus, only the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco can issue the permit required to sell alcohol in the state of Florida.
- (e) **Promotional Guidelines:** The promotion of activities or events shall not advertise alcohol or sponsorship by alcohol marketers without prior written approval of the Vice President for University Relations. Events that seek advertising approval must meet the following requirements:
1. Alcohol shall not be used as an inducement to participate in a University event and may not be offered as a prize or gift in any form of contest, drawing or competition. Social events which encourage drinking, drinking contests, or drunkenness, and the advertisement of such events, are prohibited.
  2. Alcohol advertising on campus or in campus media, including that which promotes events as well as product advertising, shall not portray drinking as a solution to personal or academic problems of students or as an enhancement to social, sexual, or academic status.
  3. Advertising for any University event where alcoholic beverages are served shall mention the availability of non-alcoholic beverages as prominently as alcoholic beverages.
  4. Promotional materials, including advertising for any University event, shall not make reference to the amount of alcoholic beverages available. This includes references to kegs or open bars.
  5. Must adhere to University posting policy guidelines.
- (f) Florida State University Police shall be notified of all on campus events that are not regularly scheduled that plan to serve alcohol.
- (g) **Laws and Regulations:** All members of the campus community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests) must adhere to all applicable federal or state laws, local ordinances, and University regulations related to the sale and use of alcohol. They include, but are not limited to the following:
1. It is unlawful for any person to aid or abet an underage person, as defined by Section 1 (a), in the purchase or attempt to obtain alcoholic beverages.
  2. It is unlawful for any underage person to falsify a driver's license or other identification document in order to obtain or attempt to obtain alcoholic beverages.
  3. It is unlawful for any person to permit use of his/her driver's license or any other identification document by an underage person to purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages.
  4. No person may bring any type of alcoholic beverage into a licensed facility or area, nor may any person take alcoholic beverages out of the licensed facility or area, except that a bottle

of wine purchased, but not fully consumed, at the University Center Club or similar restaurant establishment on campus may be removed by the person after it has been recorked as allowed by law.

5. Transportation of all alcoholic beverages on campus shall be in unopened and unobservable containers.
6. Damage to or destruction of property, or injury to person(s), which is caused by or can be shown to be related to the consumption of alcohol will be subject to disciplinary action, as will any other violation of this rule.

## II. Guidelines for University Sponsored Events.

**Definition:** Large public and formal events where the University acts in symbolic ways to honor, celebrate, and reward achievements central to its mission (e.g., graduation, convocation, dedications, awards, ceremonies). These events convey important values about what is central to the University. Florida State University is concerned with the image conveyed when alcohol service is included as part of these events.

All University Sponsored Events are subject to the guidelines outlined in Section I of the alcohol policy. In addition, the following restrictions apply;

- (a) Alcohol will not be served at any reception or other function, as defined above, sponsored by the University or taking place on the University campus where attendance is essentially open to the public and is not controlled by such means as individual invitation, registration, reservation and/or a fee payment process.
- (b) At those functions where attendance will be predominately alumni and friends of the University, and controlled by individual invitation, registration, reservation, or a fee payment process, alcoholic beverages may be served with the following restrictions:
  1. All persons will be required to show identification, including birth date, to ensure that they are a minimum of 21 years of age in the state of Florida;
  2. The right to refuse to serve anyone who seems to be in danger of over consumption will be reserved and used; and
  3. An ample supply and variety of food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.
- (c) At University sponsored functions where attendance will be predominately students, no alcoholic beverages will be served, regardless of the degree of control exercised over attendance.

## III. Guidelines for University Related Events.

**Definition:** Any organization or group, consisting primarily of Florida State University students, employees, faculty or alumni, and/or which utilizes the Florida State University name or its premises, in which alcohol is served, must adhere to the following guidelines. These guidelines apply to all student organizations, whether or not they have received formal recognition or not.

All University Related Events, on or off campus, are subject to the guidelines outlined in Section I of the alcohol policy. In addition, the following apply;

- (a) Sponsors are required to provide one or more alternative non-alcoholic beverage available in sufficient quantity throughout the event.
- (b) Non-alcoholic beverages must be available at the same place as the alcoholic beverages and featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages.
- (c) If the alcoholic beverage is being sold, the alternative beverage should be available at a price equal to or less than the price of the alcohol being provided.
- (d) Wherever alcohol is present, food must also be in sufficient quantity throughout the event.
- (e) The cost of admission to an event may not include or cover the cost of alcoholic beverages.
- (f) No state appropriated, federal funds or A & S fees may be used to purchase or sell alcohol.
- (g) The burden of proof for showing legal age is placed upon the person desiring alcohol service. No service will be provided unless clear evidence of legal age is presented. Those of legal age and consuming alcohol will be identified by wrist bands, hand stamps, etc.
- (h) It is the responsibility of the serving establishment, at the time that an alcoholic beverage is requested, to check the picture ID. If, for any reason, proof of legal drinking age cannot be provided upon request, it is the responsibility of the server to deny the request.



- (i) At social functions where alcoholic beverages are served, direct access should be limited to a person(s) designated as the server(s) by a licensed insured vendor. Servers must not consume alcohol during the event.
- (j) The server shall refuse to serve anyone who seems to be in danger of over consumption will be reserved and used.

Any organization found not to be in compliance with the University alcohol policy at their event may be subject to University disciplinary action and may forfeit its right to any fee support from the University.

#### IV. Tailgate Events.

**Definition:** Gatherings occurring in the designated parking areas surrounding the area of Doak Campbell Stadium prior to and after scheduled football games.

- (a) Florida State University does not support or condemn the consumption of alcohol by individuals 21 years of age or older at tailgate events.
- (b) Florida State University does not condone any act related to excessive consumption of alcohol that impairs, interferes, or endangers the safety or enjoyment of anyone attending these events, including the individual who chooses to consume alcohol.
- (c) Individuals who choose to consume alcohol are responsible for their behavior and should not operate a motor vehicle after they have consumed alcohol.

#### V. Administration and Enforcement of Policy.

- (a) The Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement is the responsible University official for administration of the alcohol policy for all events involving primarily faculty. The Vice President for Student Affairs is the responsible administrator for students and student groups. The Vice President for University Relations is the responsible University official for administration of the alcohol policy for events managed by the direct support organizations and for those involving all other groups and individuals. Changes and revisions shall be coordinated by the Vice President for Student Affairs in consultation with other Vice Presidents and the General Counsel, subject to final approval of the President of the University.
- (b) Enforcement of the alcohol policy shall reside in the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for individual student and student organization cases, and the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement for faculty related violations. Enforcement of the alcohol policy for all other groups, including outside groups, organizations, and individuals shall reside in the Vice President for University Relations.
- (c) The University maintains the right to forward possible violations of federal or state laws, local ordinances, and University regulations, to the proper authorities through the Florida State University Police Department.

#### VI. Health Risks.

Alcohol consumption may cause a number of changes in behavior which are related to dose, rate of intake, body size and percentage of body fluid, expectations, social environment, physical conditions (disease or, more commonly, hormonal cycles can be factors), enzyme differences, and concentration of alcohol in a drink. It may increase aggressiveness, lower inhibitions, cloud judgment, reduce resistance, and hamper the ability to make decisions.

Alcohol first affects the area of the brain responsible for higher functions, such as decision-making and social inhibitions, suppressing an individual's self-control. Alcohol in the blood can slow reaction time, reduce muscle coordination and impair eyesight, contributing to deficits in performance, judgment, memory, and motor skills. Even low doses can significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely. Florida State University reiterates that no one should ever drink alcohol and drive. The designated driver should never drink alcohol.

Moderate to high doses of alcohol may cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol may produce the effects just described above.

#### VII. Educational Resources and Support.

In support of responsible management of alcohol, the University provides numerous resources and support services available to students, faculty, and staff of Florida State University, including alcohol education, counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, re-entry, prevention, and intervention, as well as other educational programs and volunteer opportunities. Below are just a few of these resources and services.

#### Services

- (a) The University Counseling Center (UCC) provides a structured two-session Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Evaluation for students who are sanctioned by the University for violations of the University's alcohol and drug policy. In addition to mandated AOD sessions, AOD Evaluations are available on a voluntary basis to all FSU students. Following the AOD Evaluation sessions, a recommendation is made to the student regarding need for counseling treatment. Counseling treatment is provided to students on a voluntary basis only. Any fee-paying student currently enrolled at Florida State University is eligible for services at the UCC. Please contact the University Counseling Center for a current fee schedule [(850) 644-2003; Website is <https://www.counseling.fsu.edu>].
- (b) FSU Police Department [(850) 644-1234; Website is <https://www.police.fsu.edu/>].
- (c) Office of Residence Life [(850) 644-2860; Website is <https://housing.fsu.edu/>].
- (d) The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at Florida State University was established to assist employees with behavioral, medical and substance abuse problems affecting employment. Employees can enter the program through a self-referral or supervisory referral. The EAP functions as a coordinator of counseling and other appropriate services available both within the University and the community [(850) 644-2288; Website is <https://www.eap.fsu.edu>].
- (e) Counseling services are also provided for students, staff, faculty, and the community by the Center for Couple & Family Therapy (CCFT), which fees are based on annual income [(850) 644-1588; Website is <https://humansciences.fsu.edu/ccft/>].
- (f) The Human Services Center is a training clinic within the College of Education. Counselors are graduate students with counseling majors who offer service for students, staff, faculty, and the community. Services are free [(850) 644-3857; Website is <https://education.fsu.edu/centers-institutes/human-services-center-hsc>].
- (g) The Psychology Clinic is also a training clinic. Counselors are graduate students in clinic psychology programs. They provide one-on-one psychology services (no support groups) to students, staff, faculty, and the community. Fees are based on a sliding scale [(850) 644-3006; Website is <https://psy.fsu.edu/community/clinic>].
- (h) Helpline 211 is a telephone counseling and referral service for short term counseling, information and referrals mainly for social services in the Big Bend area [(877) 211-7005, (850) 224-6333, 211; Website is <http://www.211bigbend.org>].

#### Education

- (a) The Learning Resources Center of the College of Nursing has books, slides and videotapes on alcohol and other substances which are available to instructors in the College of Nursing. All other staff or faculty would need approval from the Dean of the College of Nursing to access these resources [(850) 644-1291]. More information is available at <https://nursing.fsu.edu/>.
- (b) Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness (CHAWs) at University Health Services [(850) 644-8871; Website is <https://www.chaw.fsu.edu/>].
- (c) SMART (Students Making Alcohol and Other Drug Responsibility Theirs (SMART) Choices consists of two, two-hour class sessions and an interactive online program at University Health Services that presents the legal and personal consequences of substance abuse. The purpose of the course is to introduce the student to a process of self-examination that may lead to improved decision making and behavior change. Students who are sanctioned by the Office of Investigations & Assessment [(850) 644-2428, Department of Student Support and Transitions] or University Housing [(850) 644-2860] for on or off-campus violations of the University's alcohol and drug policy must complete the course. Students may also enroll in the course free of charge if they would simply like to gain more knowledge about alcohol. Students may contact the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness [telephone:(850) 644-8871; website:<https://www.chaw.fsu.edu>] to sign up.
- (d) AlcoholEdu: An interactive, two-part on-line program designed to help you make healthy and safe decisions around alcohol use while in college. [<https://healthycampus.fsu.edu/for-students/new-student-requirements>]

- (e) **Healthy Noles:** Volunteer opportunities for students seeking to work toward greater alcohol responsibility are available through Healthy Noles, which is an organization directed by the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness at University Health Services. The Healthy Noles advocate for wellness on campus and alcohol responsibility is a significant component. For more information, contact the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness [(850) 644-8871; or for more information visit <https://healthycampus.fsu.edu/for-students/get-involved>].
- (f) **Collegiate Recovery Community:** Florida State University's Collegiate Recovery Community is here to help students in recovery thrive during their college experience. Our goal is to provide a place for accountability within a healthy community and a place to have fun, socialize, and develop friendships with like-minded students. Website: <https://chaw.fsu.edu/services/collegiate-recovery-community>
- (g) The Digital Media Center provides media resources, which include listings on alcohol topics, to all campus approved departments and organizations. There is no charge for this service when it is used for regularly scheduled classes [(850) 644-5924].

## Florida State University State and Local Penalties

Common Alcohol Offenses (Leon County)	Typical Penalty First Offense	Maximum Penalty First Offense
Possession or attempt to purchase alcohol by a person under 21 years of age.	Diversion program; \$180 fine; 10 hours community work program.	60 days jail; \$500 fine.
Using a false driver's license ID or allowing someone to use your driver's license for an ID card.	Diversion program; \$180 fine; 10 hours community work program.	60 days jail; \$500 fine.
Providing alcohol to a person under 21.	Diversion program; \$180 fine; 10 hours community work program.	60 days jail; \$500 fine.

**Note:** These are only for information. State sanctions are subject to change by the Florida Legislature.

## Florida State University Health Risks of Illicit Drugs

Illicit drugs all have some health-threatening qualities, some more than others. Examples include increased heart rate and lung damage from marijuana; central nervous system disorders from cocaine, heroin, and hallucinogens; and liver, lung and kidney damage from inhalants. HIV infection also is spread widely among intravenous drug users. Even infrequent use of illicit drugs can result in physical afflictions, such as hangovers, cardiovascular damage, digestive problems, tremors, impaired sexual response, and injuries due to lost coordination. Other possible effects include reduced alertness and impaired performance at school or work, interpersonal conflicts, and financial difficulties. Dependence and addiction are constant threats to users of illicit substances. Regular abuse of these substances generally exposes users to criminal elements, which may lead to involvement in further criminal activities.

## Florida State University Illicit Drug Penalties

The penalty for possession (second-degree misdemeanor) is sixty days jail and \$500 fine. Penalties for trafficking (first-degree felony) range up to thirty years imprisonment and fines of \$500,000.

**Note:** These are only for information. State sanctions are subject to change by the Florida Legislature.

## Florida State University Standards of Conduct

State of Florida statutes declare that it is unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to consume or possess alcoholic beverages. Consequently, no one under the legal drinking age may consume, distribute, or possess alcohol on University properties or as part of any University activity.

It is unlawful to sell, give, serve, or permit to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age. Furthermore, servers can be held civilly liable for damage caused by underage drinkers to whom they provided alcoholic beverages.

It is unlawful to be under the influence of, to use, possess, distribute, sell, offer, or agree to sell, or represent to sell, narcotics, hallucinogens, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, except as where permitted by prescription or law.

## Florida State University Use of Social Security Numbers

In accordance with *Florida Statute 119.071(5)*, students and employees should be aware that Florida State University collects and uses social security numbers for the purpose of performing certain University duties and responsibilities as follows:

- Certain aspects of employment related to federal tax reporting, generation and reporting of I-9 documents, direct deposit, insurance policies, retirement benefits, state and federal reporting requirements;
- Identification and verification of student records, including admission, registration, financial aid, and academic records, as well as verification of identity in connection with the provision of the University's services;
- State and federal reporting of student data as required by law;
- Release to contracted vendors for the purposes of state and federal reporting or provision of contracted services for the faculty, staff, and students of the University;
- Release to commercial entities engaged in the performance of a commercial activity provided the social security numbers will be used only in the performance of a commercial activity and provided the commercial entities make a written request for the social security numbers conforming to the requirements of *Section 119.071(5)(a)7b. (I)-(IV), Florida Statutes*.
- Release to the Florida Board of Governors as follows:
  - When necessary for the performance of the Board's constitutional duties and responsibilities, including but not limited to:
    - Collection of student and employee data from state universities. [Authorized by *Sections 483 and 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Art. IX, s. 7, Fla. Const., Board Regulation 3.007, Fla. Stat. § 1001.706(5)(d), Fla. Stat. § 1008.31(3), and Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5)(a)6*]
    - In conjunction with tort claims and tort notices of claim against the Board of Governors [Required by Fla. Stat. § 768.28(6), and Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5)(a)]
    - When the disclosure of the social security number is expressly required by federal or state law or a court order [Authorized by Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5)(a)6]
    - When the individual expressly consents in writing to the disclosure of his or her social security number [Authorized by Fla. Stat. § 119.071(5)(a)6]

The University does not use social security numbers for student identification; instead the University creates a unique identifier for each student called the EMPLID.

## Notification of Students' Rights under FERPA

The **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within forty-five days of the day the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, dean, or head of the academic department (or appropriate official) written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.



3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is defined as a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the University discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Students have the right to obtain a copy of Florida State University's student record policy. You can obtain a copy of the policy from the Office of the University Registrar, *A3900 University Center, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2480*.

**Note:** Under Federal Statute, the University is authorized to and may release records to other institutions without notification to the student, when the student is applying for admission.

## Release of Student Information

The disclosure or publication of student information is governed by the policies of Florida State University and the State of Education within the framework of state and federal laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

The written consent of the student is required for the disclosure or publication of any information that is: (1) personally identifiable of the student and (2) a part of the educational record. Certain exceptions to that generality, both in types of information that can be disclosed and in access to that information, are allowed within the regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as described in the following paragraphs:

- A. Subject to statutory conditions and limitations, prior consent of the student is not required for disclosure of information in the educational record to (or for):
  1. Officials of the University with a legitimate educational interest. A school official is defined as a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility;
  2. Certain government agencies;
  3. Accrediting organizations;
  4. Certain financial aid matters;
  5. Certain research circumstances;
  6. Health and safety emergencies;
  7. A court pursuant to order or subpoena, so long as the student is notified in advance of the University's compliance; and
  8. As otherwise provided by law.
- B. Subject to statutory conditions and limitations, prior consent of the student is not required for disclosure of certain types of information for:
  1. Portions of the educational record for which the student has signed a waiver;
  2. Portions of the educational record that are exempted by law including records of law enforcement agencies of the University;

employment records of the student within the University as long as the student's employment is not predicated upon his or her status as a student; personal records of instructional, supervisory, or administrative personnel; and alumni records related to that student; and

3. Records transmitted to another school or school system in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, since the University generally forwards these on request.

**Note:** More specific information regarding such exempted information can be obtained by contacting the Office of the University Registrar, *A3900 University Center*. For the complete text of the applicable statutes refer to Section 1006.52, Florida Statutes, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and 34 C.F.R. §99.1, et seq. or write the U.S. Department of Education at *600 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202*.

- C. **Prior consent of the student is not required** for disclosure of portions of the educational record defined by the institution as "Directory Information," which may be released via official media of the University:
  1. Name, date, and place of birth;
  2. Local address;
  3. Permanent address;
  4. EMPLID;
  5. Classification;
  6. Major field of study;
  7. Participation in official University activities and sports;
  8. Weight and height of members of athletic teams;
  9. Dates of attendance at the University;
  10. Degrees, honors, and awards received;
  11. The most recently attended educational institution; and
  12. Digitized photo (Florida State University Card).

**Important:** The information above, designated by the University as "Directory Information," may be released or published by the University without prior written consent of the student unless exception is made in writing by the student.

## Request to Prevent Publication of Directory Information

Students may inform the University in writing of the student's desire to prevent publication of such "Directory Information" or release of such information except as required by law. Appropriate forms for such action are made available by the Office of the University Registrar.

**Caution:** Until the University can develop the necessary sophistication in our data systems, a student's request to prevent the release of publication of some of the items of "Directory Information" may result in preventing the publication of all items on that list, including graduation lists, honors, and award lists. The student can help avoid such errors with a gentle reminder to the Office of the University Registrar.

For complete information related to the policies outlined above or concerning the procedures regarding waivers and consent forms, or to challenge the accuracy of the educational record, please contact: *Office of the University Registrar, A3900 University Center, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2480*.

## Policy for the Use of Photographs and Videos in University Publications

Florida State University randomly and routinely photographs and makes videos on the main campus, branch campuses, and the international and departmental programs for educational and promotional purposes. These photographs and videos appear in official University publications and materials, which include but are not specifically limited to, *General Bulletin* (undergraduate and graduate), *Registration Guide*, Office of Admissions brochures, international program materials, departmental and college brochures, University Websites, and other University information publications. For further information contact Media Relations at (850) 644-4030.

## Illegal Downloading of Copyrighted Songs and Movies

Downloading and distribution of copyrighted music, movie and other entertainment files from online distribution sites that offer these items **free of charge** is illegal, in direct violation of the federal Digital Millennium

Copyright Act, the Florida State University Student Conduct Code, and the Florida State University Policy OP-H-6 “Use of University Information Technology Resources.”

Illegal downloading and file sharing of copyrighted music, movies or other entertainment files is intellectual property/copyright infringement. Illegal downloading and file sharing activities maliciously expose the University’s network, computing systems and personal computers to destructive computer malware (viruses, spyware, worms, trojan horses, rootkits, keystroke loggers, etc.), and denial of service attacks. Illegal downloading activity significantly increases the risk of exposure to personal identity theft and irreparable or costly damage to both University and personally owned computing devices.

The potential consequences of illegal downloading and file sharing are extremely serious. There are both civil and criminal penalties for illegal downloading and file sharing:

- In a civil suit, an infringer may be liable for a copyright owner’s actual damages plus any profits made from the infringement. Alternatively, the copyright owner may avoid proving actual damage by electing a statutory damage recovery of up to \$30,000 or, where the court determines that the infringement occurred willfully, up to \$150,000. The actual amount will be based upon what the court in its discretion considers just. See 17 U.S.C. § 504.
- Penalties to be applied in cases of criminal copyright infringement [i.e., violations of 17 U.S.C. § 506(a)], are set forth at 18 U.S.C. § 2319. Congress has increased these penalties substantially in recent years, and has broadened the scope of behaviors to which they can apply. Statutory penalties are found at 18 U.S.C. § 2319. A defendant, convicted for the first time of violating 17 U.S.C. § 506(a) by the unauthorized reproduction or distribution, during any 180-day period, of at least ten copies or phonorecords, or one or more copyrighted works, with a retail value of more than \$2,500 can be imprisoned for up to five years and fined up to \$250,000, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 2319(b), 3571(b)(3).
- Defendants who have previously been convicted of criminal copyright infringement under 18 U.S.C. § 2319(b)(1) may be sentenced to a maximum of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Finally, a defendant is guilty of a misdemeanor violation if he violated rights other than those of reproduction or distribution, or has reproduced or distributed less than the requisite number of copies, or if the retail value of the copies reproduced or distributed did not meet the statutory minimum, or if other elements of 17 U.S.C. § 506(a) are not satisfied. Misdemeanants can be sentenced a maximum of one year and can be fined a maximum of \$100,000. See 18 U.S.C. §§ 2319(b)(3), 3571(b)(5).

Law firms representing the entertainment industry aggressively investigate instances of music and movie “pirating”, and upon identifying the offenders, are increasingly invoking the applicable laws to reap financial settlements and awards totaling thousands of dollars.

The University is not legally empowered to protect, represent, advise or otherwise assist students who become subject to legal proceedings because of copyright infringement. Students who are sued, offered an out-of-court settlement, or cited for criminal copyright infringement must obtain their own legal representation.

In addition to civil and criminal penalties, violators will be subject to the University’s disciplinary proceedings:

- **Student Conduct Code** (<https://dsst.fsu.edu/>): A student found to be in violation of provision (5)(c)1 is subject to the sanctions defined in Section (9). Examples of sanctions that may be imposed for violations of the Student Conduct Code include reprimand, service hours, probation, suspension, and dismissal.
- **Florida State University Policy OP-H-6 “Use of University Information Technology Resources”** (<https://policies.vpfa.fsu.edu/policies-and-procedures/technology/>): A student found to be in violation of provision C.1.a (11) may lose University computer privileges as defined in paragraph F.2.

For further information regarding the downloading of electronic objects and media, please visit: <https://igs.fsu.edu/copyright-information/policy>.

## General Bulletin Statement of Purpose and Notice

This *General Bulletin* is not a contract, either expressed or implied, between the University and the student, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum, educational plans, offerings, and requirements that may be altered from time to time to carry out the administrative, academic, and procedural purposes and objectives of the University. The University specifically reserves the right to change, delete, or add to any provision, offering, academic curriculum, program, or requirement at any time within the student’s period of study at the University. The University further reserves the right to withdraw a student from the University for cause at any time. Students are on notice that admission to the University or registration for a given semester does not guarantee the availability of a course at any specific time. Likewise, admission to the University or registration for a given program of study within the University, or a department or college of the University, is not a guarantee of a degree or of certification in a program.

# SPRING 2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**Note:** Dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please refer to [http://registrar.fsu.edu/registration\\_guide/spring/academic\\_calendar/](http://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/spring/academic_calendar/) for the most up-to-date information.

**Note:** Panama City Campus students must convert all times listed to Central Time unless already noted.

Sep. 28, 2020	Spring 2021 Registration Guide available on FSU Web site <a href="http://registrar.fsu.edu">http://registrar.fsu.edu</a> .
Oct. 2, 2020	Open enrollment for Spring-Summer Health Insurance begins.
Oct. 12, 2020–Dec. 4, 2020	Registration for currently enrolled and readmitted degree-seeking students. See “Enrollment Appointments.”
Nov. 29, 2020–Jan. 20, 2021	Tuition and fee payment; View your account status at <a href="https://fees.fsu.edu">https://fees.fsu.edu</a> .
Dec. 1, 2020	Last day for students to submit Spring 2021 FAMU/FSU Cooperative Program applications.
Dec. 16, 2020–Jan. 11, 2021	Registration for all new graduate students. See “Enrollment Appointments.”
Dec. 18, 2020	Last day to submit waivers or billings for Early Disbursement Financial Aid.
Jan. 1, 2021	Spring/Summer Health Insurance coverage begins.
Jan. 4, 2021	Residence Halls open at 5:00 p.m. Last day to file for change in residency status.
Jan. 6, 2021	<b>Drop/Add.</b> (Includes Law School) Begins 12:00 a.m. on Jan. 6 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 11.
Jan. 6, 2021	<b>Classes Begin.</b> Early Disbursement Financial Aid available from federal, private, and institutional aid via EFT. Please note that deposit processing time varies by bank and some banks might take an extra business day or two to make your direct deposit available to you.
Jan. 6, 2021	<b>Late Registration (\$100.00 late registration fee.)</b>
Jan. 11, 2021	<b>Fourth day of classes.</b> Last day to submit department waivers or billings. Last day to add courses without academic dean’s permission. Last day to cancel enrollment and have fees removed. Last day to drop/add classes and have fees adjusted. Students are liable for all fees for courses remaining on their schedules at 11:59 p.m. Drop/Add ends at 11:59 p.m.
Jan. 12, 2021	<b>Fifth day of classes.</b> Last day to request VA deferments from VA representative in Student Veterans Affairs. All financial aid students must check their financial aid status at <a href="https://financialaid.fsu.edu/">https://financialaid.fsu.edu/</a> .
Jan. 13, 2021	First day to apply for financial aid deferments and delayed delivery loans. Financial Aid available from fifth day disbursement of state aid via EFT. Please note that deposit processing time varies by bank and some banks might take an extra business day or two to make your direct deposit available to you.
Jan. 13–29, 2021	Spring 2021 Graduation Application Period. Apply online through Course Quicklinks at <a href="https://my.fsu.edu">https://my.fsu.edu</a> .
Jan. 15, 2021	Open enrollment for Spring-Summer Health Insurance ends.
Jan. 18, 2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No Classes. University Administrative Offices closed.
Jan. 20, 2021	Last day to pay or defer tuition and fees for all students, including veterans who are not using a veteran deferment, without a \$100.00 late payment fee. Veterans should contact a VA representative with questions.
Jan. 29, 2021	Last day to apply for Spring 2021 Graduation. Apply online through Course Quicklinks at <a href="https://my.fsu.edu">https://my.fsu.edu</a> .
Jan. 31, 2021	Last day to request change to or cancellation of purchase of Spring-Summer Student Health Insurance coverage.
Feb. 19, 2021	<b>End of seventh week of semester.</b> Last day to submit form requesting S/U grading or to change S/U option back to regular grade. Last day to reduce course load without permission of academic dean. Dean’s permission required to drop below twelve semester hours. Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade. Last day to withdraw from school without receiving a grade. Financial Aid deferments expire. Final payment for installment contracts due. Last day for doctoral students to take and pass their preliminary examination in order to add or convert dissertation hours for the current semester.
Feb. 22, 2021	Summer and Fall 2021 Registration Guides available. Summer and Fall 2021 course listings available on Course Lookup system.
Mar. 2, 2021	Open enrollment for Summer-only Health Insurance begins. (Open enrollment closes May 15, 2021.) Open enrollment for Fall 2021-only and 2021-2022 Annual Health Insurance coverage begins. (Open enrollment closes September 15, 2021.)
Mar. 8, 2021	Registration for Summer and Fall 2021 begins. Last day to submit doctoral dissertation or treatise for pre-defense format review.
Mar. 22, 2021	Last day to submit master’s thesis for pre-defense format review.
Mar. 26, 2021	<b>End of 12th week of classes.</b> Deadline for late drop with dean’s permission. Financial Aid Exit Interviews Deadline for all students with federal loans graduating, transferring, or taking less than six semester hours.
April 5, 2021	Last day for submission of the post-defense, content-approved thesis, dissertation or treatise and required forms.
April 16, 2021	<b>Last Day of Classes.</b> Last day to submit ServScript hours online. Last day to petition Academic Dean for a reduction in course load (requires documentation of University-approved extenuating circumstances). Last day to withdraw from the University. Last day to apply for AA Degree at the Office of Undergraduate Studies, UCA 3400. Veterans’ Deferments Expire. Full tuition payment must be received to avoid a late payment fee.
April 18, 2021	Financial Aid Exit Interviews Deadline for all students with federal loans graduating, transferring, or taking less than six semester hours.



April 19–23, 2021	<b>Final Exam Week.</b>
April 23, 2021	<b>Semester Ends.</b> Last day for thesis, dissertation, and treatise students to receive an email from Manuscript Clearance confirming final clearance. <b>Commencement:</b> Civic Center, visit <a href="http://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/seating">http://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/seating</a> to view the ceremony schedule. Last day to submit extensions for “incomplete” grades by 4:00 p.m.
April 24, 2021	<b>Commencement:</b> Civic Center, visit <a href="http://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/seating">http://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/seating</a> to view the ceremony schedule. Diplomas dated this date. Residence halls close at noon.
April 25, 2021	Panama City Commencement: Edgewater Beach Resort Conference Center, Panama City Beach, Florida, 1:30 p.m. Central Time.
April 27, 2021	Online Grades Due by 4:00 p.m.
April 28, 2021	Grades available online.
May 10, 2021	Summer only Health Insurance plan coverage begins.
May 15, 2021	Open enrollment for Summer only Health Insurance ends.
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day Observed. University Closed.
June 9, 2021	Last day to request a change to or a cancellation of Summer only Health Insurance.

\*All dates are subject to change based on University policy.

# SPRING 2021 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

## Final Examination Week

April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
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## Block Examinations

Block examinations are scheduled as shown below rather than by class day and time. Block examinations are listed by course prefix and number.

Exam Date	Time	Courses
Monday	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	BSC 2011L; MUT 1111, 1112, 2116, 2117
Monday	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	STA 2023
Tuesday	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	AST 1002; PHY 1020, 2048/2048C, 2049/2049C, 2053C, 2054C
Tuesday	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BUL 3310; STA 2122
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	CHM 1045C, 1046C
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	ARA, CHI, FRE, GER, HBR, ITA, JPN, POR, RUS, SPN: 1110, 1111, 1120, 1121, 2211, 2220, 2240, 2300; SPN 2160

## Monday/Wednesday/Friday Classes

Class Time		Exam Day	Time
<b>Main Campus</b>	<b>Engineering Campus</b>		
8:00 a.m.	*	Wednesday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
9:20 a.m.	*	Monday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10:40 a.m.	*	Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.	*	Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:20 p.m.	*	Wednesday	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3:05 p.m.	*	Thursday	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
4:50 p.m.	*	Monday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
6:35 p.m.	*	Tuesday	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
8:20 p.m.	*	Wednesday	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

\* Please refer to the College of Engineering (COE) Schedule available in the COE Student Services Office or at [http://www.eng.fsu.edu/current/exam\\_schedule.html](http://www.eng.fsu.edu/current/exam_schedule.html). In instances of schedule conflict between the main campus and the engineering campus, the main campus schedule will take precedence. The engineering instructor will accommodate/reschedule to resolve the conflict.

## Tuesday/Thursday Classes

Class Time		Exam Day	Time
<b>Main Campus</b>	<b>Engineering Campus</b>		
8:00 a.m.	*	Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.	*	Tuesday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	*	Monday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:20 p.m.	*	Thursday	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3:05 p.m.	*	Tuesday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
4:50 p.m.	*	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
6:35 p.m.	*	Thursday	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
8:20 p.m.	*	Monday	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

\* Please refer to the College of Engineering (COE) Schedule available in the COE Student Services Office or at [http://www.eng.fsu.edu/current/exam\\_schedule.html](http://www.eng.fsu.edu/current/exam_schedule.html). In instances of schedule conflict between the main campus and the engineering campus, the main campus schedule will take precedence. The engineering instructor will accommodate/reschedule to resolve the conflict.

## Make-Up Examinations:

The possibility of a conflict between final exam times exists, particularly for classes that meet in the evening or only once each week. It is the student's responsibility to identify if a conflict exists and immediately make special arrangements with the instructor to take the exam at an alternate time during the University's official final exam period. Makeup exams may be scheduled at any time during final exams week, between Monday at 7 am and Friday at 5:00 p.m.

## University Final Examination Policy

Scheduling a final examination or a test in lieu of a final exam at any time other than the regularly scheduled final exam period is a violation of University policy.

Unless an exam is given during the final examination period, no test may be given during the last week of classes.

Classes meeting every day at the same hour and classes meeting for more than one time period will hold examinations according to the time and day of the first scheduled class meeting of the week. For example, a class meeting for the first period on Tuesday and for the first and second period on Thursday will hold its examination at the time scheduled for the first period on the Tuesday/Thursday class listing.

## Exceptions to the Examination Policy for an Individual Undergraduate Student

Approval by the Academic Dean of the college in which the class is taught is required for an individual undergraduate student seeking an exception to the examination policy. The student must first receive written permission from the instructor if he/she is willing to give a rescheduled final exam at a specified time within the exam week. The student must then petition the dean, giving the reason for the requested exception, and supported by the instructor's written permission. The dean will then notify the instructor in writing if the approval is granted.

Rescheduled final examinations are permitted for an undergraduate student when justified by illness, official documented accommodations on record with the Student Disability Resource Center, conflicting examinations, three or more examinations within a twenty-four hour period, or certain emergencies. Arrangements should be made prior to the scheduled exam. If a student misses the scheduled final examination and does not have approval in advance for a rescheduled exam within the final exam week, it is up to the instructor to decide if a make-up examination will be allowed. No special dean's office permission is required.

In case of conflicting examinations, block examinations take precedence over examinations scheduled by class meeting time and higher enrollment classes take precedence over lower enrollment classes. In the case of conflicts that cannot be otherwise resolved, the class meeting earlier by day and time takes precedence over a class meeting later.

## Exceptions to the Examination Policy for an Undergraduate Class Utilizing the Assessment Center

Classes that utilize the University Assessment Center for a block exam, or which are otherwise limited to specific days and times because of seating and scheduling constraints, will take precedence in the case of final exam schedule conflicts. It is the student's responsibility to identify such conflicts as early as possible and to notify all instructors in advance so that accommodations may be made.

## Exceptions to the Examination Policy for an Undergraduate Class

No instructor of an undergraduate class may give a final examination at a time other than that which appears on the web site of the Office of the University Registrar, unless they are utilizing the University Assessment Center. Instructors who do not utilize the assessment center and need to deviate from the published exam schedule must obtain prior approval from the Undergraduate Policy Committee. Such approval must be requested, in writing, at least three weeks prior to the scheduled final exam. To reschedule a final examination without such approval places the instructor in jeopardy of administrative reprimand by his/her dean and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

## Undergraduate Distance Learning Exams

If the instructor of an online class requires a final exam, the instructor shall have the prerogative to set the window during which a final exam is administered provided that the window is within the University's official final exam period. A final exam window must be disclosed in the class syllabus.

Rescheduled final examinations are permitted for an undergraduate student when justified by illness, official documented accommodations on record with the Student Disability Resource Center, conflicting examinations, three or more examinations in a twenty-four hour period, or for certain emergencies. It is the student's responsibility to identify if a conflict exists and immediately make arrangements with the instructor to take the exam at an alternate time during the University's official final exam period. If a student has such conflicts, the final exams of the student's non-online classes shall have priority and the time of the online exam will be the first exam subject to adjustment. If such agreement cannot be achieved between the student and the instructor, then the academic deans of the units housing the various classes will consult to achieve agreement.

This explanation is intended only to clarify the existing University exam policy for online classes and all provisions of the University exam policy that do not conflict with what is stated above remain in effect.



# SPRING 2021 ENROLLMENT APPOINTMENTS

\* Be aware that these ranges do not reflect hours for the current semester (Fall 2020).

\*\* New Graduates are students admitted for the first time into a new graduate program.

† All students who are eligible for priority registration are assigned the first appointment window of each registration cycle for a future term. The following groups are automatically assigned priority registration: veterans and dependents using benefits, honors, degree in three, and students with disabilities.

†† Panama City Campus students will be able to continue to register for Spring 2021 classes from November 17, 2020 to January 11, 2021.

††† Panama City Campus transient and non-degree seeking students may register for Spring 2021 classes beginning November 18, 2020.

**Note:** Panama City Campus students should convert times below to Central Time.

Level	Hours Completed*	Registration Opens	Registration Ends
Current and Continuing Graduate Students (New graduate students register 12/16/2020), Veteran Students †		Monday, October 12, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Senior	110 & up	Monday, October 12, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Senior	100–109	Tuesday, October 13, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Senior	90–99	Wednesday, October 14, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Junior	80–89	Thursday, October 15, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Junior	70–79	Friday, October 16, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Junior	60–69	Monday, October 19, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Sophomore	45–59	Monday, October 26, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Sophomore	30–44	Monday, November 2, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Freshman	15–29	Monday, November 9, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Freshman	00–14	Monday, November 16, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
Open Registration ††		Tuesday, November 17, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Friday, December 4, 2020—11:59 p.m.
New Graduates**		Wednesday, December 16, 2020—8:00 a.m.	Monday, January 11, 2021—11:59 p.m.
Transient/Non-Degree Seeking students (all) †††		Tuesday, January 5, 2021—3:30 p.m.	Monday, January 11, 2021—11:59 p.m.
Drop/Add (Includes College of Law)		Wednesday, January 6, 2021—12:01 a.m.	Monday, January 11, 2021—11:59 p.m.
Late Registration (\$100.00 late registration fee.)		Wednesday, January 6, 2021—12:01 a.m.	Monday, January 11, 2021—11:59 p.m.

## International Program (IP) Sessions

International Programs offers an array of courses around the world. Unique sessions are used to designate courses offered through the International Programs Office. Students interested in Study Abroad should contact the International Programs Office. In some cases, these courses are offered in affiliation with international institutions and are subject to unique calendar dates. Unique “IP” sessions have been created so courses align with the institution and program dates. Key dates such as registration, first week of classes, drop/add, seventh week deadlines, etc., will be prorated according to the length of the session. These dates are different than International Program start and end dates. Students participating in the International Programs should check with that office about specific dates, registration appointments and fees, deadlines, or restrictions that might apply. Students must be admitted to an International Program in order to register for IP classes.

## Veterans Priority Registration

Active-military students, student veterans, and military/veteran dependents using federal benefits are eligible for priority registration, which allows these students to register for future-semester courses during the first selection window of each course-registration cycle. However, each of these students must first be coded as receiving federal benefits before they are eligible for priority registration and should contact the Student Veterans Center at (850) 644-9562 or [veteran@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:veteran@admin.fsu.edu) to make sure they are properly coded. After registering for their courses, each of these students must submit the university’s online Request for Benefits form in order to have their benefit-certification documents submitted within the required timeframe.

## Eligibility

Students must complete both a University graduation check with the Office of the University Registrar and a departmental graduation check with the appropriate college at the time the student has earned ninety semester hours of credit or two terms prior to their planned graduation date. Students will receive holds on their account prompting them to request a university graduation check from the Office of the University Registrar and an academic graduation check from their college(s).

## Students Accept Both Fee and Grade Liability by Registering for Classes

To cancel registration, a student must drop all of his or her classes via <https://my.fsu.edu> before the first day of classes or must send an e-mail from his or her official myFSU account to [registrar@fsu.edu](mailto:registrar@fsu.edu) no later than the fourth day of classes. Panama City students should e-mail [registrar@pc.fsu.edu](mailto:registrar@pc.fsu.edu).

Students should be dropped from classes for non-attendance of the first class meeting. However, students are responsible for verifying that their schedule is correct by 11:59 p.m. on the fourth day of classes. Students are fee liable for all courses on their schedule after the fourth day. The University may cancel registration for non-payment of fees.

Annual student parking permits are obtained online at <https://transportation.fsu.edu/parking/parking-permits>. The Panama City campus does not require parking permits. However, Panama City students attending classes on the main campus will need to purchase a parking permit from Transportation and Parking Services on the main campus.

For account status and fee payments visit <https://fees.fsu.edu>.

## Admission/Readmission Dates

For admission or readmission dates, please refer to the “University Calendar” chapter in the *General Bulletin*.

## Law School/Medical School Dates

For College of Law dates, please contact the College of Law at (850) 644-3400 or visit <http://www.law.fsu.edu>.

For College of Medicine dates, please contact the College of Medicine at (850) 644-1855 or visit <http://www.med.fsu.edu>.



# SPRING 2021 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Student Business Hours

Please call or email individual offices for business hours and availability:

- Registrar
- Financial Aid
- Student Business Services, In-person payments are no longer accepted, but agents are available to review your account and answer questions.
- Undergraduate Studies, Email [undergradstudies@fsu.edu](mailto:undergradstudies@fsu.edu) or call (850) 644-2451.
- Health Compliance, University Health Services (Lobby hours closing daily at 4:00 p.m., phones staffed to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, to 4:00 p.m. on Friday.)

## Prior to Registration

- Log into <http://my.fsu.edu> to check for any checklists, stops, or holds. Be sure to click through the details of each hold to review the contact information and instructions provided there. Contact your departmental office for any clearances or course authorizations you may need.
- All undergraduate students are expected to view their Academic Requirements Report in Student Central prior to registration to review degree and major requirements that need to be satisfied.
- All students are urged to consult their advisor prior to registration, and some academic units mandate advising prior to registration.
- Health compliance requirements are found at <https://uhs.fsu.edu/>. The Student Immunization Record may be used to show proof of immunizations. Students may also turn in records from their health care provider. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the Student Immunization Record authorizing care at the Wellness Center before the student can be treated. Health insurance compliance can only be completed online at <http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/>. Healthcare Compliance gives step-by-step instructions for completing this requirement.

**Note:** First-time students may be required to register for preparatory Math and/or English courses to complete registration.

## University ID Card

### FSUCard

The FSUCard serves as your official physical University ID and is used across campus for all things FSU. In order for anyone on campus to identify you as an FSU student, you must always have your FSUCard on you. Keep your FSUCard safe and do not share your information with others. Think of it as your license for campus living!

The FSUCard provides access to the libraries, classrooms, residence halls, buses, campus recreation locations, the testing center, and other campus events. It can also be used for vending, on-campus laundry, printing, purchases at the FSU Bookstore and Computer Store, the UPS Store, and much more.

There is no charge for your initial card. If you should lose or damage the card, the FSUCard Center will replace it for a fee. An FSUCard semi-annual fee of \$5.00 applies to students each Fall and Spring semester. The FSUCard Center is located in the Woodward Avenue Parking Garage with the main entrance through the FSU Bookstore and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; (850) 644-7777; or e-mail [fsucard@fsu.edu](mailto:fsucard@fsu.edu). For more information, visit [fsucard.fsu.edu](http://fsucard.fsu.edu).

### FSUCash

All FSUCard holders have an FSUCash account, including students, faculty, and staff. FSUCash is an on-campus “pocket change” account to use for convenience services such as student laundry, library printing, and vending machine purchases, and can be used at Seminole Dining locations, the FSU Bookstore, the UPS Store, and more! It is the only tender accepted at the Center for Testing and Assessment, for student laundry, and for student printing.

FSUCash rolls over from semester to semester and year to year. However, after 12 months of inactivity, a monthly deduction will be taken from the FSUCash account. This fee will not result in a negative balance or affect the card's other functions. To avoid the automatic deduction, a purchase or deposit can be made. FSUCash refunds are available upon request to [fsucard@fsu.edu](mailto:fsucard@fsu.edu).

Current FSUCash balances can be checked using <http://my.fsu.edu> or by downloading the eAccounts mobile app for Android or iOS. For more information, please contact the FSUCard Center (located in the Woodward Avenue

Parking Garage), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; phone: (850) 644-7777; or e-mail: [fsucard@fsu.edu](mailto:fsucard@fsu.edu). For more information, visit [fsucard.fsu.edu](http://fsucard.fsu.edu).

### Library Cards

You will need your FSUCard to get in and out of the libraries, so make sure you keep it handy at all times. From borrowing books and equipment to reserving study rooms, your FSUCard does everything a regular library card does, and more! For more information, visit <https://lib.fsu.edu>.

**Note:** Students sixty years of age and older registered for tuition-free courses at Florida State University may obtain a library card by presenting proof of enrollment and identification to the staff at Strozier Library.

## Florida State University EEMPLID

To better protect the identity of individuals within our campus community, Florida State University creates a unique nine-digit number identifier for each student and employee called the EEMPLID. To find your EEMPLID, follow the steps below:

- Login at <http://my.fsu.edu> and enter Student Central using the SC icon.
- Your EEMPLID is displayed beneath your photo and name on the My Info tile.

## Official myFSU E-mail Accounts for All Students at Florida State University

The official method of communication at Florida State University is your myFSU e-mail account. In order to stay informed and aware, you are required to set up and maintain your account and check it regularly. If you choose to have your myFSU official account forwarded to another e-mail account, you are still held responsible for all information distributed by the University to your myFSU account. To activate your myFSU e-mail account, visit <http://my.fsu.edu> and click the link “Manage FSUID/Password.”

## Undergraduate Academic Advisement

All degree-seeking students are expected to participate in academic advisement before registering for classes each semester. Students should check their FSU e-mail regularly as that is the main mode of communication advisors use to contact their students. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that s/he has met prerequisites or corequisites for each course in which s/he is enrolled. Further, any changes a student makes to his/her schedule without the advisement of an academic advisor is the responsibility of the student. All permits such as underloads, overloads (see the ‘Course Load’ section of this chapter), graduate course requests while an undergraduate, DIS, modified credit, and S/U grading should be discussed with an academic advisor. All such permits must then be approved by the student's academic dean. The student is responsible for ensuring that the Office of the University Registrar has copies of these permits on file.

Undergraduate students may find their academic advisor's contact information by going to Student Central, clicking on the My Academics tile, and selecting the link for either “Advisors” or “Advisor Search” in the Advising Tools folder.

## Health Requirements

### Immunization Requirements

The State Board of Education requires all entering students born on or after 1/1/1957 to complete Florida State University's Student Immunization Record and show documented proof of immunization against measles (rubeola), German measles (rubella), and mumps prior to registration.

College-age individuals living in residence halls, shared apartments, and other group housing are at an increased risk for developing meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B—serious infections that can have devastating consequences. State of Florida law mandates that all University students be informed of the risks of infection. Students currently enrolled must either be vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B or sign a waiver stating that they have declined to receive the vaccine.

All students are required to show proof of two MMRs, meningococcal meningitis, and hepatitis B vaccinations before they are permitted to register for classes. Information about these vaccinations may be obtained at University Health Services or online at <https://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/> under the Immunization Requirements tab.

All students are required to complete and submit the Student Immunization Record to University Health Services before registration. Students born before



1/1/1957 must complete the form and decline the meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B vaccines. The form with its specific instructions is available at <http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu> under the Immunizations Requirements tab. Please call (850) 644-3608 if you need assistance.

### Health-Insurance Requirement

All full-time students at Florida State University must show proof of health insurance coverage before being permitted to register for classes. Additionally, all non-United States citizens in F or J status, regardless of their credit load, are required to show proof of health insurance as a condition of their admission to the University.

#### To purchase the FSU-sponsored health insurance:

1. Go to the student insurance website: <http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu>.
2. Click the “Insurance Requirement” link at the top of the page.
3. Under the heading “I am Interested in Purchasing Health Insurance,” click the “Find Out More” button.
4. Under the heading “Purchase Health Insurance,” click the “Purchase Now!” button.
5. Log in with your FSUID and password, and if you need to activate your FSUID, the screen prompts will guide you.
6. Click the “Purchase FSU Insurance” button. Follow the prompts.

**Note:** Do not purchase student health insurance just to be able to register for classes. The insurance purchase clears the student for the length of the coverage purchased. You can purchase insurance for annual coverage, for Fall semester only, or for Spring/Summer. No Spring-only option is offered. Summer-only is offered for students beginning at FSU during the Summer term.

#### To waive the purchase of the FSU-sponsored health insurance:

1. Go to the student insurance website at <http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu>.
2. Click the “Insurance Requirement” link at the top of the page.
3. Under the heading “I Already Have Health Insurance,” click the “Enter Insurance Information” button.
4. Log in with your FSUID and password, and if you need to activate your FSUID, the screen prompts will guide you.
5. Click “My Policies,” then click “New.”
6. Complete the information and click Submit.
7. If you added a new policy, either click the blue I Have Health Insurance link at the top of the page or close the screen and click the I Have Health Insurance button. Select the term and year for which you wish to register and follow the prompts.

The insurance waiver, when successfully completed, should clear the student for three terms.

If you will not be enrolling as a full-time domestic student, request a credit-hour underload each semester by either calling the Health Compliance Office at (850) 644-3608 or sending an e-mail to [healthcompliance@fsu.edu](mailto:healthcompliance@fsu.edu).

Students seeking degrees in majors where they are exposed to particular hazards associated with the major are required to carry health and accident insurance prior to registration every Fall. The Film School, College of Medicine, and College of Nursing have additional health insurance requirements for their students. Check with your department for any additional insurance requirements associated with your major.

### Health Insurance Questions

Questions about basic health insurance coverage or purchasing school-sponsored health insurance can be addressed to the Health Compliance Office at (850) 644-3608. Questions about specific benefits included in the school-sponsored health insurance should be addressed directly to United HealthCare Student Resources, the University’s health insurance carrier, at (800) 767-0700. Billing questions for services rendered at University Health Services should be addressed to the billing office at (850) 644-1640. The plan brochures and summaries of coverage and benefits for the student health plans are posted on the United HealthCare Website (<http://uhcsr.com/fsu>). The student health plan does not cover participation in intercollegiate athletics. Contact FSU Athletics at (850) 645-2700 for more information for insurance for athletes. The student health plan does cover cheerleaders and members of the Golden Girls as sports club members.

Students insured by other carriers should contact their carriers for policy limitations and special requirements.

### Course Load

For Fall and Spring semesters, undergraduate students in good standing may register for as many as eighteen semester hours in one semester and as few as twelve semester hours in one semester. A full-time course load is twelve semester hours or more in the Fall and Spring.

Should a student wish to register for fewer or more than the allowed hours, “Overload/Underload” approval must be obtained from the appropriate academic dean. All students receiving approval for “Overload/Underload” from their academic dean must submit the approval to the Office of the University Registrar. No student may register for more than twenty-one hours per semester. Full-time undergraduate students should take an academic load that will enable them to graduate within four years, typically fourteen to fifteen hours per semester. Students should take into account the requirement to take nine hours of credit in the Summer.

International undergraduate students must enroll in at least twelve semester hours during each of the Fall and Spring semesters to maintain legal immigration status. International graduate students must enroll in at least nine semester hours, except in some specific cases. An international student advisor may authorize a reduced course load for a few specific reasons. International students who wish to enroll in a reduced course load for a given semester must submit a request for authorization to an advisor at the Center for Global Engagement before the end of the drop/add period for that semester. An unauthorized reduction in course load may result in serious immigration consequences. For a complete definition of full course of study for immigration purposes and to access the reduced course load information and request forms, please refer to <http://cge.fsu.edu>.

For graduate students, the minimum number of hours allowed is twelve per semester and the maximum is fifteen.

## The Registration Process

### Step 1: Obtain the Florida State University FSUCard

- If you have not done so already, establish your FSU identity by activating your FSUID and obtaining your FSUCard before preparing for registration.

### Step 2: Prepare for Registration

- If you are an undergraduate student, review your degree requirements in the Undergraduate Degree Progress tool. To access Degree Progress, go to the “My Classes” tile on your FSU Student Homepage in Student Central, and select the link for “Undergraduate Degree Progress.” Within Degree Progress you may plan courses for upcoming semesters from your remaining degree requirements. When registration opens for a semester that you have planned, click the “Register” button, and your planned courses will be imported into Schedule Assistant. Once in Schedule Assistant, you may search for class sections and register. Contact your advisor if you have any questions about your requirements in Degree Progress.
- Students are encouraged to use the Schedule Assistant tool in the portal and in the “My Classes” tile on the FSU Student Homepage to find and register for classes. This tool allows you to find, view, and select from a variety of schedule options. It also allows you to include breaks and lock on specific classes or instructors as needed. When you have found the best schedule combination, click the “Send to Shopping Cart” button to add it to your cart and register.
- Information on how to use Undergraduate Degree Progress and Schedule Assistant may be found in the “How-To Videos” tile of your FSU Student Homepage. Click the link for “Intro to Schedule Planner.”
- Be careful to select courses that have sufficient time between the end of one and the beginning of the next so that you have time to get from one place to another on campus.
- Consult the *General Bulletin* or *Graduate Bulletin* to check if a course requires a laboratory or has pre- or corequisites that you must complete prior to enrolling in the class. Students are responsible for checking for these requirements as the system does not.
- Alternately, you can search for classes by logging in to your portal at <http://my.fsu.edu>. Select the SC icon. From your FSU Student Homepage, click the “My Classes” tile. Click the “Enrollment: Add Classes” button in the menu on the left and then click “Search.” Helpful information on using the Class Search, as well as step-by-step instructions, are located in the “How-To Videos” tile on your FSU Student Homepage.
- Search for alternate courses as well.
- Make certain you have met your immunization and health-insurance compliance requirements.

### Step 3: Register through the myFSU portal

- You can use the myFSU portal to register for, drop, or add classes at any time during the enrollment appointment assigned to you. Your

enrollment appointment is determined by the number of credit hours you have earned toward graduation. You cannot register after the ending date of your assigned enrollment appointment.

**Note:** Be prepared to request non-prime time course sections to complete your schedule. Be persistent; the effort you spend during registration will save you a great deal of time and effort during the drop/add period.

- The system does not allow you to register for more than eighteen semester hours. Your academic dean can provide overload authorization. To register for overload hours, you must go to the Office of the University Registrar. See the ‘Course Load’ section of this chapter.
- The system allows you to register for an underload, but you still must obtain authorization from your academic dean. Remember, if you register for an underload as a domestic student, you may request exemption from the health insurance requirement from the Health Compliance Office. Students enrolling for at least three credit hours may purchase the student health insurance on a voluntary basis.

#### Step 4: Pay Tuition

- Tuition must be paid by the posted deadline at <https://studentbusiness.fsu.edu/>. Visit <http://my.fsu.edu> for account status and fee-payment options.

## Registration by Student Categories

### Veterans Priority Registration

Active-military students, student veterans, and military/veteran dependents using federal benefits are eligible for priority registration, which allows these students to register for future-semester courses during the first selection window of each course-registration cycle. However, each of these students must first be coded as receiving federal benefits before they are eligible for priority registration and should contact the Student Veterans Center at (850) 644-9562 or [veteran@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:veteran@admin.fsu.edu) to make sure they are properly coded. After registering for their courses, each of these students must submit the university’s online Request for Benefits form in order to have their benefit-certification documents submitted within the required timeframe.

### Non-Degree Seeking Students

All non-degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students may register for up to 18 credit hours; enrollment beyond this limit may be subject to approval by the Registrar. All registration by non-degree seeking students is on a space-available basis. Because of excessive demand for some undergraduate and graduate courses, non-degree seeking students may be enrolled in such courses only with the permission of the particular unit.

Procedures and residency requirements for non-degree seeking student registration are the same as for regularly enrolled degree-seeking students as described on the preceding pages.

### State Employees

Full-time state employees may use the State Employee Tuition Waiver to register for Florida State University classes. Individuals using the State Employee Tuition Waiver must be fully admitted degree-seeking or non-degree seeking students. Registration in classes using the State Employee Tuition Waiver is limited to a space-available basis and takes place during the regular registration appointment assigned to each student. Florida State University does not consider the following as space-available courses: approved undergraduate limited access programs; dissertation, thesis, and directed individual study (DIS) courses; internship courses; audited courses; non-state funded courses (including some distance learning courses that are funded solely by student tuition and fees); Center for Administrative and Professional Development (CAPD) courses; College of Medicine courses; College of Law courses; and other one-to-one instruction courses. Accordingly, State Employee Tuition Waivers may not be used for these courses.

Florida State University accepts only the official State Employee Tuition Waiver Form available online at [http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/waivers/state\\_employee](http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/waivers/state_employee). Agencies may require additional paperwork or forms that will not be accepted unless accompanied by the State Employee Tuition Waiver Form. State employees using a tuition waiver must obtain supervisor signatures and academic departmental approval on the tuition form and then scan and e-mail the signed and completed tuition waiver form to [CTL-StateEmployee@fsu.edu](mailto:CTL-StateEmployee@fsu.edu) by the tuition payment deadline.

Additional restrictions and deadlines apply. For additional information, including the link to download the State Employee Tuition Waiver Form, see the Office of the University Registrar’s Website at <http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/services>.

## FSU Employees

Employees of Florida State University intending to take Florida State University classes may do so through the FSU Employee Scholarship program. See the Human Resources website at [http://www.hr.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=benefits/benefits\\_perks/benefits\\_perks\\_employee\\_scholarship](http://www.hr.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=benefits/benefits_perks/benefits_perks_employee_scholarship) for details, restrictions, and deadlines.

## FAMU—FSU Students

Under a cooperative arrangement with Florida A&M University, Florida State University students may take courses at FAMU that will count as credit earned at Florida State University. Courses offered at Florida State University may not be taken at FAMU. Exceptions may be granted by the student’s academic dean, whose office also determines eligibility based on courses already completed at Florida State University. Students taking courses at the host university on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) basis will be held to the home institution policies regarding the total number of courses allowed on S/U basis or in a specific degree or major. Students are encouraged to consult their academic advisor about any limitations prior to registration. For additional information, as well as forms to be completed, please see [http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/services/co\\_op](http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/services/co_op).

## Floridians over Sixty Years of Age

All fees are waived for persons sixty years of age or older who are Florida residents and who attend credit classes. Under this tuition-free option, registration is allowed on a space-available, audit-basis only and does not include thesis, dissertation, applied music courses, or other courses requiring individual instruction. No credit will be given and no permanent record will be maintained. Audit forms are available online or from the Office of the University Registrar. Proof of age and Florida residency must be presented to the Office of the University Registrar to validate audit waiver eligibility.

## Attendance Policies

### First Class Meeting Attendance Policy

Attendance at the first class meeting is mandatory unless properly excused by the class instructor. Students who do not attend the first class meeting of a course for which they are registered are dropped from the course by the academic department that offers the course. This policy applies to all levels of courses and to all campuses and study centers. This policy does not apply to any class added after the first official meeting of the course. **It remains the student’s responsibility to verify course drops and check that fees are adjusted.**

### Required Summer Attendance Policy

All students entering a state university with fewer than sixty semester credit hours must earn at least nine semester hours prior to graduation by attending one or more Summer terms at one of the state universities. The University President may waive application of this rule in cases of unusual hardship to the student. Students initiate appeal through their academic dean to the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement (Board of Governors Rule 6C-6.016). Waiver appeals may be initiated electronically in the My Tasks tile of myFSU Student Central at the time the student reaches 80 hours or more.

## Drop/Add or Changes of Schedule

During the first four days of classes, individual courses may be added, dropped, or sections of a course changed through the myFSU portal from the My Courses portlet or in the ‘My Classes’ tile on your FSU Student Homepage in Student Central. **Students are financially liable for all courses appearing on their schedule after the fourth day of classes.** Courses may be dropped after the drop/add period and through the seventh week of classes with the exception of mandated college preparatory courses, freshman English composition courses, certain liberal studies courses, and courses involved in allegations of academic dishonesty; however, tuition charges remain. Approval by the student’s academic dean is required to reduce the academic load below twelve semester hours or increase an academic load above eighteen semester hours (to a maximum of twenty-one semester hours). Courses dropped during this period do not appear on the student’s transcript. The academic dean’s approval is required to add courses after the first four days of classes.

A cumulative maximum of two courses may be dropped **between the eighth and twelfth week** of classes during the semesters in which the undergraduate student has earned fewer than sixty hours of college credit; tuition charges will remain. An undergraduate student may only drop one course after earning sixty hours of college credit and until graduation; tuition charges re-



main. Approval by the student's academic dean is required. Courses dropped during this period appear on the student's transcript with the notation "W." See the "Academic Calendar" in this *Registration Guide* for semester-specific deadlines.

Except in cases where a student is petitioning to use one of the three drops allowed under the policy above, any course drop petition after the seventh week of classes (with dates prorated for individual Summer sessions), will be considered only in documented exceptional circumstances that are beyond the student's control, as determined by the student's academic dean. Academic deans exercise their administrative and academic judgment in making final determinations about drop eligibility. Such courses appear on the student's transcript with the notation "WD." Students who register for courses but who do not attend the classes receive grades of "F" if the courses are not officially dropped. Students changing from a previous bulletin year should consult their academic dean regarding limitations concerning the policy described above.

**Course drops are never approved when there are unresolved allegations of academic dishonesty in a course or when a course grade reflects an Academic Honor Policy penalty.**

## Student Cancellation of Schedule

**Note:** Undergraduate and non-degree seeking students who cancel their registration and were not enrolled for the preceding two semesters (non-enrollment for three consecutive terms) must apply for readmission. All graduate, law, and medicine students who cancel their registration and were not enrolled for the preceding semester (non-enrollment for two consecutive terms) must apply for readmission.

Prior to the first day of classes, a student may cancel his/her registration by dropping all courses using the myFSU portal registration system.

Prior to and during the first four days of a semester or Summer session, a student may cancel registration online through the myFSU portal registration system or by submitting a written request to:

Office of the University Registrar  
Florida State University  
Room A3900 UCA  
282 Champions Way  
P.O. Box 3062480  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2480

Or

[registrar@fsu.edu](mailto:registrar@fsu.edu) (or [registrar@pc.fsu.edu](mailto:registrar@pc.fsu.edu) for Panama City Campus students); e-mail must originate from the student's fsu.edu account.

Students who cancel registration within this time frame are not liable for tuition; if tuition has been paid, students should request a refund from the Office of Student Business Services.

Beyond the fourth day of classes students cannot cancel registration but must officially withdraw from the University through Withdrawal Services, at *A4300 University Center, Tallahassee, FL 32306; (850) 644-1741*. Panama City students should contact Student Affairs, *Barron Building, Panama City, FL 32405; (850) 770-2172*.

The University may automatically drop students for non-payment of tuition. See, "Cancellation of Student Schedules for Non-payment of Tuition and Fees" for more information.

International students who wish to cancel their registration must request and receive prior authorization from a Center for Global Engagement advisor. In addition, international students should submit the SEVIS Update Form available at <http://cge.fsu.edu>.

Students who have elected to purchase student health insurance and cancel their schedules must notify the Health Compliance Office at [healthcompliance@fsu.edu](mailto:healthcompliance@fsu.edu). Insurance charges are NOT automatically removed from the student's account when schedules change.

## Withdrawal

All students (degree-seeking and non-degree) who wish to leave the University after the fourth day of a term must officially withdraw from the University no later than seven days prior to the last day of the semester or term. See the "Academic Calendar" for the specific deadline date. For more information, contact Withdrawal Services at *(850) 644-1741*. Students who withdraw within the first seven weeks of a term (to be adjusted accordingly for Summer term and session) have no liability for grades. Under documented exceptional circumstances (beyond the student's control), as determined by the appropriate academic dean, a student withdrawing from the University may receive "WD" grades in all courses taken that term. Students who do

not officially withdraw will be assigned a grade of "F" for each course for which they are registered but fail to attend. These grading policies also apply to courses taken S/U.

International students who wish to withdraw must request and receive prior authorization from a Center for Global Engagement advisor. In addition, international students should submit the SEVIS Update Form, available at <http://cge.fsu.edu>.

For additional information regarding withdrawals, including fee liability, please refer to the "Withdrawals and Return of Financial Aid" section of this *Registration Guide*.

Students who have elected to purchase student health insurance must notify the Health Compliance Office in writing at [healthcompliance@fsu.edu](mailto:healthcompliance@fsu.edu) of withdrawal from the University. Students withdrawing before the 31st calendar day of the term for which insurance was purchased will receive a full premium refund less any claims paid. Students withdrawing after the 31st calendar day of the term for which insurance was purchased can only request cancellation of the insurance if they are leaving the University to join the military. Otherwise, they have met the attendance requirement to keep the coverage and the charges on their account will be due as posted at Student Business Services.

## Auditing Courses

**Note:** Seating privileges will be afforded to currently enrolled students and non-students on a space-available basis after registration. Admission to Florida State University is not required; no credit will be given and no permanent record will be maintained for audited courses. Standard tuition costs do apply.

## Procedures

During the first week of classes, obtain the audit approval form online at [http://registrar.fsu.edu/forms/audit\\_registration.pdf](http://registrar.fsu.edu/forms/audit_registration.pdf) or you may pick up an audit approval form from the Office of the University Registrar.

Fill out the form and obtain both the instructor's approval and clearance from University Health Services.

Return the approved form to the Office of the University Registrar for final approval and class registration. Registration must be completed to attend a course.

Pay fees during fee payment at *A1500 University Center*. No waivers or deferments may be used, except for those age sixty or over.

Present the form to your instructor at the next class meeting.

**Note:** If you have already registered for the course you wish to audit, you must drop it within the first week of class, before the audit request can be processed.

For the policy for audited-course refunds please refer to the "Financial Information" page of this *Registration Guide*.

## Grade Reports

Semester grades are reported via the myFSU portal at <https://my.fsu.edu> through the My Courses portlet. Grade changes processed after the initial grade posting will not display and may be viewed on the unofficial transcript.

## Enrollment Verification

All student enrollment and degree verifications will be by official request only. Students who need enrollment verification should submit a request online at <https://my.fsu.edu>. Go to the FSU Student Homepage in Student Central and select the "My Academics" tile. Under the "Academic Records" menu on the left side of the page, select "Request Enrollment Verification." If the student requests the institution to mail their verification letter, their letter will be processed the following business day. When submitting requests to be mailed, students must make sure they complete all mailing address information. Written requests may be submitted to:

Office of the University Registrar  
Florida State University  
Room A3900 UCA  
282 Champions Way  
P.O. Box 3062480  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2480

Former students or outside agencies may request an enrollment verification or degree verification online from the National Student Clearinghouse at <http://www.degreeverify.org>.

## Privacy of Student Records

### Parental or Third-Party Access to Records

Students may give a designated parent(s) authority to review their University financial status by logging onto Student Central and clicking the “Share My Information” link in the My Info tile. Granting access to a parent or third party to view information in this manner also authorizes University personnel to discuss those records with the designated parent or third party.

### Phone Monitoring

Students should be aware that phone calls placed to Florida State University’s interactive telephone network may be periodically monitored to ensure that the appropriate quality control is maintained.

### To Prevent Publication of Directory Information

The educational record designated as Directory Information may be released or published by the University without prior written consent of the student, unless exception is made in writing by the student. Appropriate forms are available in the Office of the University Registrar. Such written exception must be received prior to the first class-day of the academic year. Once received, that request will remain in effect until notification to the contrary is received by the Office of the University Registrar. Directory Information includes:

1. Name
2. EMPLID
3. Date and place of birth
4. Local address
5. Permanent address
6. Classification
7. Major
8. Participation in official University activities and sports
9. Weight and height of athletic team members
10. Dates of attendance
11. Degrees, honors and awards received
12. Most recently attended educational institution
13. Digitized FSUCard photo

**Note:** By submitting a request to prevent the publication or release of directory information you may be blocking the verification or publication of directory information, including but not limited to, the following: academic certification requests by or for employers, insurance companies, etc.; requests for information by or for parents, spouses, or other family members; publication in the Seminole Guide book, commencement program, or other media acknowledging a relationship between you and the University.

### Notification of Student Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student’s educational record within forty-five days of the day the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, dean, or head of the academic department (or appropriate official) written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
- The right to request the amendment of the student’s educational record that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s educational record, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which

permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is defined as a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using University employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the University discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Students have the right to obtain a copy of Florida State University’s student record policy. You can obtain a copy of the policy from the *Office of the University Registrar, A3900 University Center, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2480.*

## Community Service

### The Center for Leadership & Social Change

The center’s mission, to transform lives through identity development, leadership education, and community engagement, is woven throughout our work. We encourage students to learn, serve, and transform through programming that encompasses diversity, leadership, and service. The center provides education and learning programs for students of all levels along with professional development opportunities for faculty, staff, and community members. Some of these classes, seminars, retreats, and hands-on learning experiences include Leadership LOGIC, Social Justice Ally Training, and the Multicultural Leadership Summit. The center serves as an outlet to engage in community action through initiatives such as EngageTLH service trips, Youth Programs Mentoring Initiative, and the Moellership Program’s summers of service. With more than 30 programs, the center provides opportunities for any schedule, ranging from low commitment (one to a few hours) to high commitment (a semester, year, or four years). There is something for everyone!

Students are welcome to schedule a meeting with an advisor. To schedule an appointment, go to the “Get Involved” section of our website at <http://thecenter.fsu.edu> or visit our office. The center also offers the ServScript Program, which allows Florida State University students to enhance their official academic transcript by documenting their service hours online.

For more information, contact the *Center for Leadership & Social Change, Division of Student Affairs, Dunlap Student Success Center, 100 S. Woodward Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32306; (850) 644-3342; Fax: (850) 644-3362; Website: <http://thecenter.fsu.edu>; e-mail: [thecenter@fsu.edu](mailto:thecenter@fsu.edu).*

### ServScript Program

The purpose of the ServScript Program is to formally recognize students’ demonstrated commitment to community service. This commitment is documented through the description of students’ community service hours on their official FSU academic transcript. Transcripts are student records of scholarly achievement; as such, the ServScript program has created guidelines to clarify and recognize community service of consistent quality. To qualify for the ServScript Program, service hours cannot be court ordered or sanctioned, must be unpaid, and must benefit or contribute to the solution of a community need. They also must be completed and submitted within the same semester, no later than the final day of each semester.

The ServScript Program is designed to encourage students to contribute their skills and resources to serve others. Through informed service, students gain compassion for others and the challenges they face. Recognizing these challenges, and the power of individual action to effect change, students may develop a commitment to practice social responsibility throughout their lives.

To participate in the ServScript Program, students need to print a ServScript Program form and keep track of their service hours on that form. Those hours must also be signed and verified by a supervisor. Students then log on to



my.fsu.edu, and from the Student Community, select “ServScript Application” from the Student Services portlet located on the bottom right side of the page. Here, students can transfer information from their ServScript Program form to the online system. Service hours are only accepted for the current semester, and must be entered online by the deadline, which is the last day of the semester. The ServScript form and additional information about the program are available online at <http://thecenter.fsu.edu/servscript>.

## Graduation

Undergraduate students should request an academic progress check from the Office of the University Registrar two terms prior to their anticipated graduation date, or at the time they have earned ninety hours of credit. A second graduation progress check should be completed in the office of their Academic Dean one term prior to their anticipated graduation. Registration holds will be placed on students who have earned ninety semester hours, including current term registration, but have not completed the graduation progress check. Graduate students should check with their department regarding degree requirements. Application for graduation must be made by the published deadline; students can apply online through the myFSU portal. Students who graduate in Spring 2021 must apply for and be readmitted to register for Summer 2021 or any subsequent term. Likewise, students who graduate in Fall 2021 must apply for and be readmitted to register for Spring 2022 or any subsequent term.

**Note:** Despite your graduation status, students will still receive standard emails from University Health Services reminding them of insurance compliance requirements. Because the Student Central system presumes all students intend to enroll as a full-time student for the subsequent term (regardless of graduation status) an insurance hold will appear on your account. However, if you are graduating this registration hold for the following term **will not** stop your ability to graduate, obtain your diploma, or request transcripts.

# SPRING 2021 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Tuition Rates

For current tuition rates, please refer to the Student Business Services Web site at <http://studentbusiness.fsu.edu>.

## Spring 2021—Materials and Supplies Fees by Course

As materials and supplies fees may differ based on course location, please refer to the applicable table for campus-specific fees.

### Main Campus

<b>Art</b>	
ART 1201C, 1203, 1300C, 1602C, 2205C, 2301C, 3380C, 5927C, 5928C, 5929C; PGY 2100C	\$35.00
ART 2330C, 2400C, 2500C, 2607, 2701C, 2752C, 3173C, 3333C, 3433C, 3442C, 3443C, 3471C, 3522, 3542C, 3560, 3561, 3590, 3710C, 3764C, 4122C, 4123C, 4520, 4642C, 4652C, 4662C, 4686C, 4762, 4766C, 4767C, 4780C, 4871C, 4872C, 4921C, 4922C, 4923C, 4924C, 4925C, 4926C, 4928C, 4929C; PGY 2401C, 2941C	\$50.00
<b>Art Education</b>	
ARE 5382, 5554, 5745, 5934	\$15.00
ARE 5460, 5641	\$20.00
ARE 5047, 5930	\$25.00
ARE 5046, 5256, 5358, 5551, 5552, 5935	\$40.00
<b>Biological Science</b>	
BOT 3015L, 3143C, 4503L; BSC 1005L, 2010L, 2011L, 2085L, 2086L, 3402L, 4473L, 5476C; MCB 2004L, 4403L; PCB 3043L, 4024L, 4233L, 4253L; ZOO 3713C, 4343C, 4353C, 4753C	\$18.05
<b>Chemical and Biomedical Engineering</b>	
ECH 4323L	\$25.00
BME 4403C, 4404C	\$50.00
ECH 3274L, 4404L	\$75.00
<b>Chemistry and Biochemistry</b>	
BCH 3023L, 4053L; CHM 1045L, 1046L, 2200L, 2211L, 3120L, 4130L, 4410L, 4411L, 4610L	\$30.00
<b>Civil and Environmental Engineering</b>	
CGN 3508L	\$30.00
<b>Communication</b>	
COM 5316, 5331	\$4.00
COM 5365; RTV 3531, 3543, 3571, 3602, 3610, 3680, 4332, 4467, 4651, 4682, 5333	\$35.00
<b>Communication Disorders</b>	
SPA 5305L	\$30.00
SPA 5505, 5526L, 5528L, 5941, 5942	\$40.00
<b>Dedman School of Hospitality</b>	
HFT 4471	\$8.00
HFT 4064, 4866	\$35.00
HFT 4802	\$50.00
<b>Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science</b>	
ESC 1000L; GLY 2010C, 3200C, 3310C, 3400C, 3610C, 4750	\$5.00
EVR 4922; GLY 4544C	\$15.00
<b>Educational Psychology and Learning Systems</b>	
MHS 6805	\$10.00
MHS 5340	\$20.00
MHS 6220; RCS 5250; SDS 3340	\$25.00
SPS 5191, 5192	\$50.00
<b>Industrial Engineering</b>	
EIN 3390C	\$16.00
EIN 4940	\$35.00
EIN 4394C	\$38.00
<b>Information</b>	
LIS 4482, 4488	\$10.00
IDS 2141	\$30.00
<b>Interior Architecture &amp; Design</b>	
IND 2310, 3217C, 5316	\$25.00
IND 3440C, 3465, 3469, 3474, 3533, 4218C, 4242C, 4243C, 4245C, 5235, 5236, 5257, 5258, 5280, 5281, 5476, 5477	\$50.00
IND 5445	\$100.00
<b>Law</b>	
LAW 6313	\$8.50
<b>Mechanical Engineering</b>	
EML 3018C	\$10.22
EML 3002L	\$50.00
EML 3012C	\$56.07
EML 3811	\$71.00
<b>Nursing</b>	
NUR 3039C, 3056L, 3065L, 3225L, 4555L, 4766L	\$83.00

NGR 5064C	\$97.88
<b>Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences</b>	
FOS 4114C	\$3.75
APK 3110C	\$5.00
PET 3323C	\$5.81
ATR 4302C	\$5.83
PET 3322L	\$6.34
APK 5111C	\$7.00
PET 4551	\$7.21
ATR 2020	\$10.00
PET 5751	\$13.00
DIE 4244L	\$13.60
FOS 3026L	\$18.00
PET 5653	\$31.00
FOS 6351C	\$46.00
<b>Physics</b>	
AST 1002L; PHY 1020L, 2048C, 2049C, 2053C, 2054C, 3802L, 4822L	\$6.50
<b>Psychology</b>	
EXP 3422C	\$32.50
<b>Retail Entrepreneurship</b>	
CTE 1401C	\$8.77
CTE 4443, 6936	\$12.83
CTE 3416, 5815	\$52.00
<b>Sport Management</b>	
PEL 1321	\$2.50
PEL 1341, 1511, 1621, 1646; PEM 1121	\$3.00
PEM 1001	\$5.00
LEI 1264, 1267	\$10.00
PEM 1461	\$11.00
LEI 1269	\$15.00
PEL 1441	\$25.00
PEL 1111, 1121	\$72.00
<b>Teacher Education</b>	
EVI 5332; MAE 4310	\$5.00
EVI 5318	\$7.70
EVI 5315	\$8.00
MAE 4300	\$10.00
RED 4510	\$13.44
RED 4310	\$14.60
EVI 4312	\$16.50
EVI 5255	\$31.00
<b>Theatre</b>	
TPA 2000	\$2.00
TPA 2201	\$15.00
TPA 2322	\$24.00
THE 5265; TPA 2323, 5042, 5336	\$25.00
TPA 5356	\$30.00
TPA 2248, 3208, 3230, 4014, 4073, 4077, 4078, 4238	\$35.00
TPA 3333, 4239, 4240, 4246, 5098	\$40.00
TPA 3325, 5047, 5079, 5236, 5242, 5243, 5245, 5247, 5278, 5286, 5287, 5335, 5337; TPP 4224, 4531	\$50.00

## Panama City Campus

<b>Biological Science</b>	
BSC 1005L	\$13.00
<b>Chemistry and Biochemistry</b>	
CHM 1045L	\$33.00
<b>Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science</b>	
PEN 1136	\$55.00
<b>Physics</b>	
PHY 2048C, 2049C	\$6.50
<b>Public Safety and Security</b>	
CJE 4655L	\$8.00
CJE 4638L	\$25.00
CJE 4241L	\$49.00
CJE 4135L	\$63.00
CJE 4764L, 5768L	\$67.00
ISC 3062L, 5060L	\$131.63
ISC 3063L, 5061L	\$134.64
<b>Recreation, Tourism, and Events</b>	
LEI 3420	\$15.00
<b>Teacher Education</b>	
RED 4510	\$13.44
RED 4310	\$14.60

## Materials and Supplies Fees by Academic Level (Cohort)

<b>College of Medicine</b>	
Medical Professional, Year 1 (M1)	\$115.94
Medical Professional, Year 2 (M2)	\$231.05
Medical Professional, Year 3 (M3)	\$90.00
Medical Professional, Year 4 (M4)	\$30.00
Physician Assistant, Year 1 (PA1)	\$119.93
Physician Assistant, Year 2 (PA2)	\$191.93

## Facilities and Equipment Fees

Florida State University assesses fees for temporary use of equipment that is essential to the core curriculum of select classes and majors. These fees are assessed by major or class enrollment, as described below, regardless of whether students elect to use this equipment.

Payments can be made at Student Business Services, *A1500 University Center*. Payment is due concurrent with tuition and fees for each term. Full or partial refunds may be granted pursuant to the University's tuition and refund policy.

Fees will be placed in an auxiliary account for the purchase, repair, and maintenance of the equipment. Students will be responsible for the damage or loss of equipment. The college will assess the student for damage and loss charges and will submit the charges to Student Business Services for collection.

The areas are listed below:

- **Applied Studies:** All students registered for the following Underwater Crime Scene Investigation certificate program lab courses will be charged an equipment use fee of \$90.00: CJE 3761L, 3762L, 4763L, 4764L, 4765L, 5767L, 5768L, and 5769L.
- **Communication and Information:** All digital media production majors in the College of Communication and Information will be charged an equipment use fee of \$113.00 per semester.
- **Dedman School of Hospitality:** All students registered for HFT 4802 will be charged an equipment use fee of \$110.00.
- **Education:** All students registered for PEL 1131 will be charged an equipment use fee of \$72.00.
- **Engineering:** All students registered for ECH 4323L will be charged an equipment use fee of \$25.00.
- **Fine Arts:** All art history majors in the College of Fine Arts will be charged an equipment use fee of \$80.00 per semester. All theatre majors in the College of Fine Arts will be charged an equipment use fee of \$115.00 for Fall and Spring semesters only. All art and undergraduate dance majors in the College of Fine Arts will be charged an equipment use fee of \$125.00 per semester. All interior design majors in the College of Fine Arts will be charged an equipment use fee of \$135.00 per semester.

- **Human Sciences:** All students registered for the following courses will be charged specific equipment use fees as noted: APK 3110C (\$32.40); ATR 1800 (\$9.57); ATR 2020 (\$6.27); ATR 4302C (\$7.42); DIE 4244L (\$34.34); FOS 3026L (\$22.98); FOS 4114C (\$49.45); PET 3322L (\$5.96); PET 3323C (\$1.38); PET 4551 (\$13.62).
- **Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship:** All students registered for CTE 4443 will be charged an equipment use fee of \$29.65.
- **Medicine:** All majors in the College of Medicine will be charged an equipment use fee of \$345.00 per semester for the use of laptop computers, PDAs, software, and other shared resources. Equipment use fees for the College of Medicine will not be charged for the Summer semester.
- **Motion Picture Arts:** All majors in the College of Motion Picture Arts enrolled in classes and/or enrolled in internships local to Tallahassee will be charged an equipment use fee of \$350.00 per semester. The fee will not be reassessed for internship credits performed outside of Tallahassee.
- **Music:** All majors in the College of Music will be charged an instrument/equipment use fee in the amount of \$350.00 per semester.
- **Nursing:** All majors in the College of Nursing will be charged an equipment use fee in the amount of \$10.00 per semester.

## Cooperative Education Fees

Students enrolled in a cooperative education course with zero semester hours will be charged for one semester hour of Florida Resident undergraduate work, unless also enrolled in other credit courses at Florida State University during the same academic term.

## Graduate Examination Fees

Students registering for zero semester hours for master's comprehensive examination, master's thesis defense, or dissertation defense, will be charged for one Florida Resident graduate semester hour, unless also enrolled in other credit courses at Florida State University during the same academic term.



## Graduate Zero Semester-Hour Course Fees

Students registered for zero semester hour graduate level courses and additional courses will not be charged for the zero-credit hour course. When registering for a zero-credit hour course only, the student will be charged for one semester hour at the Florida Resident tuition-rate of the course level.

## Repeat Course Surcharge

Section 1009.285, *Florida Statutes*, mandates that each student attempting the same non-repeatable undergraduate course more than twice shall be assessed an additional per credit hour surcharge beginning with the third attempt. Attempted hours include those hours dropped or withdrawn which are fee liable. Undergraduate level courses are numbered 1000 to 4000.

**Effective Fall 2020 semester, the repeat course surcharge is \$193.86 per credit hour.**

For a list of exceptions to this policy, please consult the "Financial Information" chapter of the *General Bulletin*.

## Excess Credit Hour Surcharge

Section 1009.286, *Florida Statutes*, mandates that each student shall be assessed an additional per credit hour charge for each hour in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree. This law is in effect for students who began college at any institution during the Fall 2009 semester or later.

For more information, visit [https://registrar.fsu.edu/records/excess\\_hours/](https://registrar.fsu.edu/records/excess_hours/).

## Fee Payment

### Regulations

Students who enroll must pay fees and tuition in full by the tuition and fees payment deadline. Students who fail to pay tuition in full by the fee payment deadline will be assessed a late payment fee of \$100.00 and may have their schedule cancelled. All waivers, vouchers, Intern Participation Certificates, agency billings, and department billings for all students, including those receiving financial aid, must be submitted no later than the fifth day of the semester or session. You may pay by check or money order. Payments may be submitted by mail, drop box, or in person. Florida State University also takes credit cards and e-checks (online only) at <http://fees.fsu.edu>. Cards accepted online include American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa. There is a 2.3% non-refundable scaling fee to cover the cost of providing this online payment service. Classes added after the drop/add deadline must be paid for within five calendar days. Foreign and two-party checks are not accepted. Make checks payable to Florida State University. Include your local phone and local address on each check and one of the following: your EMPLID, the last four digits of your social security number, or your FSU e-mail address.

The basic Florida Prepaid College Program does not pay the full amount of tuition owed to the University, nor do Intern Participation Certificates. Students must pay the remaining balance due by the posted tuition payment deadline.

You may obtain financial status information on the Web at <https://my.fsu.edu> (from the myFSU Portal click Student Central, My Bill).

### Paying Your Tuition and Other Fees

You may pay online at <http://fees.fsu.edu> or <https://my.fsu.edu> (from the myFSU Portal click Student Central, My Bill, Make a Payment).

Student parking permits are issued online at <http://transportation.fsu.edu>.

Students who fail to register for classes before the first day of class will be assessed a \$100.00 late registration fee. Students may be assessed a \$100.00 fee for late payment for tuition that is not paid by the payment deadline.

### Internet Payments Seven Days a Week

Florida State University accepts credit cards online only. Make your online payment at <http://fees.fsu.edu>. The following payment types may be used online: E-checks, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa.

There is a 2.3% non-refundable scaling fee for credit card transactions. Online transactions using an e-check will not be assessed a service fee. Returned payments will be assessed the same fees as paper checks.

### Mail-in Fee Payments

When paying fees by mail, send a personal check, money order, or cashier's check for the full amount of the fees that are due. Please do not send cash. Payments must be made payable to the order of Florida State University and must include your name, local address and local telephone number, and one of the following: your EMPLID or your FSU e-mail address. Mailed payments for tuition must be received no later than the tuition payment deadline to

avoid the late payment fee. Incomplete checks will be considered as late payment. Payments should be mailed to *Florida State University, Office of Student Business Services, A1500 University Center, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2394*.

## Fee Payment Drop Box

Use the convenient fee payment drop box located on the outside wall of *A1501 University Center* across from the Heritage Fountain and Dick Howser Baseball Stadium. Be sure to use an envelope and include one of the following on your check: your EMPLID or your (personal or FSU) e-mail address. Tuition payments must be inserted by 4:30 p.m. of the tuition payment deadline to avoid the late-payment fee. Incomplete checks will be considered as late payments.

## Late Registration & Fee Payment Waivers

Requests for waiver of the \$100.00 Late Registration and/or Late Payment Fee may be submitted in person to the Office of Student Business Services, *A1500 University Center, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2394*. Waiver forms are available online at <http://studentbusiness.fsu.edu/>.

Waivers may be granted in situations involving administrative error or unusual circumstances beyond the control of the student. Students will be required to present written documentation of the circumstances involved.

**Note:** Lack of awareness of the deadlines or lack of funds are not valid reasons to waive the late payment fee or late registration fee.

## Refund of Fees

Students who drop a course without fee liability after their tuition and fees are paid, due to documented extenuating circumstance or administrative error, may be eligible for a tuition refund. Any outstanding charges owed to the University will be deducted, and the balance will be issued as a refund. Refunds requested during the fiscal year close-out, during the last two weeks of June, will not be processed until the first week of July. The refund will be processed as a credit to the student's bank account for currently enrolled students. However, payments made by credit card will be refunded to the credit card.

Students who withdraw after the fourth day of the semester/term, but prior to the end of the fourth week of the semester (or for Summer sessions, by the first twenty-five percent of the term) are eligible for a twenty-five percent refund of tuition and fees. After this period, students who withdraw are held fully liable for fees. Students who withdraw and have received federal financial aid (Title IV programs) or state aid may be required to repay to the aid source the amount of unearned financial-aid funds disbursed to them as of their withdrawal date as described in the section below on "Withdrawals and Return of Financial Aid." In the case where a withdrawal petition is approved, a refund can be provided only if the refund withdrawal request is submitted within six months after the end of the semester in which the withdrawal occurred.

**Note:** The following fees are non-refundable: Web payment credit-card processing fees, admission deposit, admission application fee, FSUCard, and other fees as specified by certain schools or departments.

## Financial Aid

### Fees and Financial Aid Students

**Financial Aid Payments & Refunds:** At disbursement the University first applies financial aid payments towards tuition and housing charges (and toward other charges as allowed) before issuing refunds. Disbursement begins on the published disbursement dates and continues through the semester. For more information and upcoming dates, visit <http://studentbusiness.fsu.edu>. To receive your aid, you must comply with Financial Aid terms and conditions located at <https://financialaid.fsu.edu/terms-and-conditions>. You must also confirm that your financial aid file is complete prior to disbursement by checking your status and clearing any holds or to-do list items at <https://my.fsu.edu>. Financial aid refunds are sent by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to any US-based bank account, so students must designate a refund bank account and enroll in direct deposit to receive a refund of excess Financial Aid or a refund of financial aid that cannot be applied to University charges. Additionally, the University must receive written permission to apply federal financial aid to charges other than tuition and housing. Federal aid cannot be applied to excess-hours fees. For instructions on how to provide that permission, or for direct deposit enrollment instructions, see <http://studentbusiness.fsu.edu/direct-deposit>.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Student Business Services at (850) 644-9452. For financial aid questions, please contact (850) 644-0539.

**Deadline:** If the financial aid payment is not sufficient (or allowed) to cover all charges, or if a student's schedule, university bill, or financial aid offer changes after application of financial aid, then the student is responsible

for paying the balance by the tuition payment deadline, (see the “Academic Calendar” in this *Registration Guide*). After this date, a \$100.00 late payment fee is assessed and grades will be held at the end of the semester until fees are paid in full.

**Note:** Financial Aid students who are having their tuition paid by an agency, department billing, or Florida Prepaid College Program should submit the required documents no later than the third day of the semester (see the “Academic Calendar” in this *Registration Guide*). The basic Florida Prepaid College Program does not pay the full amount of tuition owed to the University, nor do Intern Participation Certificates. Students must pay the remaining balance due by the posted payment due date.

**Deferments:** Financial aid deferments may be granted to students whose aid is not available by the published tuition deadline. Not having applied for financial aid is not a valid reason for applying for a deferment. The deadline to request a deferment is the tuition payment deadline. When deferments expire, students must pay their unpaid tuition balance in full or receive a late fee after the deadline. If tuition is not paid, students will not be able to register for future classes or receive a delayed delivery loan, grades, or transcripts. Students must confirm that their financial aid has arrived and that all requirements have been met by the deferment expiration date. Go to <https://my.fsu.edu> (from the myFSU Portal click Student Central, My Bill) you then will see your courses and fees detailed. With your temporary deferment, your total balance due may show “\$zero” for the “Current Term Tuition.” When your financial aid arrives, the screen will show how much has been paid toward your tuition. You must ensure your financial aid pays your tuition by the deferment deadline, or you may be assessed a late payment fee of \$100.00. You may check your financial aid status at <http://www.my.fsu.edu>. For questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at [financialaid@fsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@fsu.edu) or (850) 644-0539.

## Withdrawals and Return of Financial Aid

Per federal regulation (34 CFR 668.22), students who withdraw and have received financial aid will be required to repay to the program sources the amount of unearned financial aid funds disbursed to them as of their withdrawal date. The unearned amount of program funding is calculated based on the last date of academic activity which indicates the percentage of the semester completed.

Both the University and students receiving financial aid are required to return unearned financial aid to the aid source. Title IV aid programs are repaid in the following order: Unsubsidized Federal Stafford/Direct Loans, Subsidized Federal Stafford/Direct Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal PLUS/Direct PLUS Loans, Federal Pell Grants, FSEOG Program Aid, and Teach Grants.

The University is required to return the unearned portion of the financial aid funds it received from withdrawing students that was used to pay institutional charges such as tuition, fees, housing, and other education-related expenses assessed by the institution. The funds returned to the aid source by the University will be credited against the students’ total liability of unearned funds. However, the student will owe the University the amount returned to the aid source for institutional charges. In addition, any student who receives Title IV funds who does not receive at least one passing grade (either a Satisfactory, or any grade above an “F”) for the semester in which they receive those funds and does not officially withdraw from the University prior to the end of that semester, is considered an unofficial withdrawal according to Title IV federal regulations. The University is required to return unearned financial aid to the federal government for all unofficial withdrawals in the same manner as students who withdraw officially.

Students who owe grant and/or loan overpayments remain eligible for Title IV program funds for forty-five days, if, during those forty-five days the student: 1) repays the overpayment in full to the University; 2) enters into a repayment agreement with the University; or 3) enters into a repayment agreement with the Department of Education. Entering into a repayment agreement does not mean the student is eligible to register for additional classes, receive a transcript, diploma, etc. Students can lose financial aid eligibility if they do not comply with the options above and should consider their repayment responsibilities for these programs as part of any withdrawal decision. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for the most current restrictions on eligibility.

## Bright Futures Repayment Requirement

For the 2020-2021 academic year, the Bright Futures Academic Scholars and the Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship award amounts are set by the Florida Legislature and may be adjusted each legislative session. Currently, at Florida State, the Bright Futures Academic Scholars scholarship is awarded based on a rate of \$213.55 per credit hour (Lab fees, Auxiliary fees, Excess Hour fees, and Student Facility Use fees are not included). The Bright Futures Medallion scholarship is awarded based on a rate of \$160.16 per credit hour.

Additionally, for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 terms, a \$300 Bright Futures Academic Stipend, formally known as a Book award, will be awarded to all Bright Futures Academic Scholars.

Florida Statutes require that students who drop or withdraw from any course(s) repay any Florida Bright Futures Scholarship disbursed for the course(s). Section 1009.53, Florida Statutes states that funds for any scholarship within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may not be used to pay for courses dropped by a student or courses from which a student has withdrawn after the end of the drop and add period. However, a student who receives an award under this program and subsequently drops one or more courses or withdraws from all courses after the end of the drop and add period due to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency may be granted an exception pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4 **unless the institution’s policy is to refund the cost of the courses.**

**Note:** The Bright Futures Academic Scholars Stipend award is not required to be adjusted except for cases of total withdrawal from all classes for the semester.

## Loan Exit Interviews

Federal and University regulations require that all recipients of federal loans participate in an exit interview counseling session upon graduation, withdrawal from the University, or dropping below six credit hours. These loans include: Perkins (NDSL), Subsidized Stafford (GSL), and Unsubsidized Stafford (UGSL) loans. Counseling sessions can be completed online at <https://studentaid.gov>. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at [financialaid@fsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@fsu.edu) or (850) 644-0539.

## Policy on Refunds for Audited Courses

Refunds may be granted for courses in which a student has requested permission to audit and subsequently rescinds this request before the fourth day of class. Verification that the audit request has been discontinued must be received in writing by the University Registrar before the fourth day of class. After this period, no refunds will be authorized unless exceptional circumstances are documented in writing and approved by the University Refund Committee.

**Note:** The refund request form or withdrawal form must be submitted to the Office of Student Business Services within six months from the end of the term from which the student withdrew.

## Delinquent Accounts

Delinquent University accounts are subject to holds against class registration and transcript and diploma orders. Payment should be made by cash, money order, or cashier’s check. Financial aid granted for use in an upcoming semester may not be used to pay current debt. Outstanding debt totaling \$500.00 or more, including delinquent current semester tuition, will prevent class registration until the delinquent balance is brought below \$500.00. Diplomas and official transcripts will not be issued when any amount is owed the University. Delinquent accounts are referred to a collection agency if fees are not paid in full. Collection costs are added to your outstanding balance. Delinquent accounts should be paid by cash, money order, or cashier’s check.

## Dishonored Checks or Electronic Payments

Return Check Charge/Stop Payment Charge: \$25.00 or five percent of the amount of the check, whichever is greater (subject to change) will be assessed to the student’s account. A returned check/stop payment charge is assessed against a student’s account that has a check or electronic authorization for payment returned by the bank to Florida State University. Florida State University automatically submits all personal checks twice for payment if the check was returned once for non-sufficient or uncollected funds. This is an automated process and the second submission cannot be stopped; there is no charge, however, assessed by Florida State University for this second submission. Repayment of returned checks must be made with cash, FSUCard, money order, or cashier’s check.

Returned check charges are assessed for all personal checks written and electronic payments authorized for tuition, fees, or any services provided by the University that are returned to Florida State University for non-sufficient funds, uncollected funds, closed accounts, stop payments, etc., placed on checks. In addition to the returned check charge, if the initial payment is for tuition and redemption of the returned check is not made prior to the tuition payment deadline, a \$100.00 late payment fee is assessed to tuition. Florida State University places a hold on accepting any personal checks or electronic payment authorizations on the student’s account for ninety days after redemption for any services, tuition, or fees that are owed to the University if a personal check or electronic payment authorization is returned. If a second check or electronic payment is returned, or if a stop payment is placed on it, the

student will be permanently listed on all departments' ACCEPT CASH ONLY list and no personal checks or electronic payment will be accepted from anyone on the student's account from that day forward.

Notification will be given to the student by mail to the address on the check or to the last maintained address in Florida State University's records. After notification that a check has been returned, redemption (including the service charge) must be made within fifteen days. Florida State University forwards all returned payments to the State Attorney's Office for redemption and prosecution after collection efforts are exhausted. After a returned payment is forwarded to the State Attorney's Office, restitution of the check will not prevent prosecution. Reference Florida Statutes Title XLVI Chapter 832; Crimes - Violations Involving Checks and Drafts; 832.07.

## **Cancellation of Student Schedules for Non-Payment of Tuition and Fees**

Students are expected to pay all tuition and fees by the published deadline each semester. In accordance with *FSU Regulation-5.081 Tuition, Fees, Payment*, students who do not pay tuition and fees or make arrangements to pay tuition and fees by the end of the established fee payment deadline may have their schedules cancelled and academic progress discontinued for the semester. Students whose schedules are cancelled for non-payment of tuition and fees will not receive grades after the cancellation takes place. For more information, please reference <http://regulations.fsu.edu/content/download/21865/140868/file/Chapter5code.revised.11.2014-linked.pdf>.

It is important that all students ensure they have an active FSU e-mail account. The FSU e-mail account is the official method by which the University will communicate with students concerning any outstanding financial obligations, including outstanding tuition and fees. Students will receive an official e-mail communication from the Office of Student Business Services at the end of the second week of the semester alerting them to the possibility of the cancellation of their current term's schedule. Students will then have the opportunity to pay tuition and fees or make arrangements to pay tuition and fees to avoid having their schedule cancelled.

Students who fail to pay tuition and fees or make formal arrangements to pay tuition and fees by the end of the third week of the semester will receive an e-mail notification from the Office of Student Business Services. This notification will inform the student that his or her schedule has been cancelled and explain appeal process for the reinstatement of their schedule.

Students may check their account status online at any time at <https://my.fsu.edu> (from the myFSU Portal click Student Central, My Bill) to determine any amounts owed to the University and to verify that payments have been made.

## **Reinstatement of Student Schedules Cancelled for Non-Payment of Tuition and Fees**

Students whose schedules are cancelled for non-payment may reinstate their schedule through immediate and full payment of all tuition and fees and any other delinquent balance owed to the University, plus a \$100.00 late payment fee and \$100.00 late registration fee. This payment to reinstate must be made prior to the final reinstatement deadline established by the University Registrar each term. Checks or credit card payments that are returned or refused will negate any tuition and fee payment arrangement for the reinstatement of a student's schedule. The University reserves the right to deny reinstatement when a student has demonstrated a pattern of tuition delinquencies over a period of two or more semesters. Reinstatements for a given term must be submitted by the deadline. Reinstatement petitions received after the term is over will not be considered.

