

FIU FACTS



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The University

Florida International University, a member of the State University System of Florida, is a comprehensive, doctoral granting, public, multi-campus institution offering a broad array of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. Through its 12 colleges and schools, FIU offers more than 180 baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree programs, conducts basic and applied research, and provides public service. Committed to both quality and access, FIU meets the educational needs of traditional students and serves the increasing number of part-time students and lifelong learners. Research and teaching which address economic and social concerns are conducted by interdisciplinary centers and institutes at the University.

In 1989-90, FIU had more than 19,500 students, 750 full-time faculty and 45,000 alumni, making it the largest public university in South Florida and the fifth largest of Florida's 31 colleges and universities. The University has two campuses, University Park in southwest Dade County and the North Miami Campus on Biscayne Bay, and two academic centers that serve Broward County, in Davie and downtown Fort Lauderdale.

For the past two years, FIU was listed in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey of "America's Best Colleges" as one of the best comprehensive universities in the country; in 1988 it was ranked in the top 25 nationally, and in 1989 it was ranked sixth in the South. The University is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is cited in "Barron's Guide to the Most Prestigious Colleges" and Edward Fiske's "The Best Buys in College Education."

History

FIU was established by the Florida legislature in 1965, and classes began in September 1972, with approximately 6,000 students enrolled in upper-division and graduate programs — the largest opening enrollment in the history of American higher education. In 1981, the University added lower-division classes for freshmen and sophomores, expanding its enrollment capacity. In 1984, the University received authority to begin offering degree programs at the doctoral level; these programs received Level IV accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 1986.

The Florida Board of Regents appointed Charles E. Perry as the first president of FIU in 1969. He was succeeded in June 1976 by Harold B. Crosby. Gregory B. Wolfe was named the third president in February 1979. Modesto A. (Mitch) Maidique, the fourth and current president, was appointed to his position in August 1986.

Academic Units

- School of Accounting
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Business Administration
- School of Computer Science
- School of Design
- College of Education
- College of Engineering and Design
- College of Health
- School of Hospitality Management
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- School of Nursing
- School of Public Affairs and Services

Centers and Institutes

In addition to the University's academic departments, interdisciplinary centers and institutes conduct advanced research in a wide range of areas. Many centers and institutes receive national and international recognition for their outstanding work.

- Center for Accounting, Auditing and Tax Studies
 - Center for the Administration of Justice
 - Center for Banking and Financial Institutions
 - Center for Economic Research and Education
 - Center for Educational Development
 - Center for Ethnography and Migration Studies
 - Center for Labor Research and Studies
 - Center for Management Development
 - Drinking Water Research Center
 - Elders Institute
 - English Language Institute
 - FAU-FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems
 - Institute in the Creative and Performing Arts for the Exceptional
 - Institute of Government
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- Institute of Judaic Studies
- Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies
- Institute for Public Policy Research
- International Center for the Advanced Interdisciplinary Study of Child Rearing
- International Institute for Creative Communication
- International Institute for Housing and Building
- International Institute for the Study of Sports
- Latin American and Caribbean Center
- Multilingual and Multicultural Studies Center
- Small Business Development Center
- Southeast Florida Center on Aging
- Women's Studies Center



Student Body

In fall 1989, enrollment was 19,529, with about 58 percent of the students attending part-time and about 6 percent from abroad. It included 12,786 undergraduate students, 2,405 graduate students and 4,338 non-degree-seeking students.

The growth in enrollment has been accompanied by a steady rise in academic standards. During the past two years, the grade point average for entering freshmen rose from 3.3 to 3.4 and the average Scholastic Aptitude Test score exceeded the national average by more than 100 points.

Alumni

Since opening in 1972, more than 45,000 students have received degrees from FIU. The University's alumni body includes former students from nearly every state in the country and many foreign countries. Approximately 50 percent of all the college degrees now awarded in Dade County are from FIU.

The Office of Alumni Affairs sponsors alumni programs, including professional advancement, fund raising and social events, and communicates with alumni through newsletters and mailings. Membership in the FIU Alumni Association, which is led by a volunteer board of alumni leaders, is open to all graduates of the University.

Campuses

FIU has two major campuses, University Park in southwest Dade County and the North Miami Campus on Biscayne Bay, and two academic centers that serve nearby Broward County.

University Park, FIU's main campus and administrative headquarters, occupies 344 acres. Apartment-style residence halls, the Golden Panther Sports Arena, the library, a nationally-certified environmental preserve and other athletic facilities contribute to a pleasant col-

legiate atmosphere. In 1989, the University's new \$13 million Engineering and Computer Science building and a College of Health building were completed. A \$14 million Chemistry and Physics building and a \$7 million addition to the University House student center are also under construction.

The North Miami Campus encompasses nearly 200 acres, including a natural cypress preserve. In addition to its scenic location with direct access to Biscayne Bay, the campus offers apartment-style housing, a new library and an aquatic center.

The FIU Broward Center, located in Davie, emphasizes undergraduate programs in cooperation with Broward Community College (BCC). Under the "2+2" program, students enroll in BCC for the first two years of study and complete their degree at FIU. The University Tower, in downtown Fort Lauderdale, is primarily utilized for graduate programs, research and services, in conjunction with Florida Atlantic University.

Research Programs

Florida International University emphasizes research as a major component of its mission. Sponsored research funding from outside sources grew from \$6.2 million in 1985-86 to \$8.4 million in 1988-89, an increase of 35 percent. It is projected to reach \$10 million in 1989-90. These funds, secured through contracts and grants from private foundations, corporations and federal and state agencies, are used to conduct research, provide stipends for graduate students and improve research facilities.

Notable recent projects include:

- **Latin American and Caribbean Center:** a \$375,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to establish a new Caribbean Research and Training Program.
 - **Physics:** development of advanced gallium-arsenide thin film materials.
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■ **Journalism and Mass Communication:** a \$12.2 million grant from the United States Agency for International Development to conduct a seven-year journalism education, research and training program in Central America.

■ **Electrical Engineering:** researchers developed a high frequency ammeter, the first device capable of non-invasively measuring levels of electromagnetic currents in human tissue. FIU received a patent for inventing the instrument. Researchers are also developing wave powered propulsion for ships and have a patent pending for a product that would indefinitely extend the useful life of aircraft fuselages.

■ **Center for Multilingual and Multicultural Studies:** a Ford Foundation-funded study of relationships between immigrants and established residents in Greater Miami.

■ **International Business:** using information from satellites to monitor the environment and plan better use of tropical rain forests.

■ **Biological Sciences:** a project using hormones to increase shrimp production.

■ **Criminal Justice:** assisting in the establishment of model court systems in Latin America, including Nicaragua and Panama.

■ **Mechanical Engineering:** a program to develop an implantable cardiac defibrillator. Research is also being conducted on nuclear waste reduction technology.

The University community takes advantage of a wide variety of state-of-the-art laboratory equipment in the physical sciences. Many research areas are also supported by the Southeast Regional Data Center, the University's VAX 8800 and Sun Computers, and an extensive network of personal computers.

Continuing Education

The University serves the South Florida community with a variety of credit and non-credit learning opportunities offered through the Division of Continuing

Education. Through its two departments, Off Campus and Weekend Credit Courses, and Conferences and Short Courses, the division offers nearly 300 courses at FIU and at other locations throughout Dade, Broward and Monroe counties. Courses are designed to respond to requests from community groups, professional organizations, business and industry, and are frequently taught on-site.

FIU Libraries

The University Park Library and North Miami Campus Library have a combined collection of more than 800,000 volumes, in addition to substantial holdings of federal, state, local and international documents, periodicals, maps, microfilms, institutional archives, and curriculum materials. The library subscribes to approximately 7,000 scholarly journals and other serials. In addition to its own holdings, the library has the resources to locate and access holdings at other major libraries throughout the state and country. Its on-line computer catalog, LUIS (Library User Information Service), provides information on the collections of all libraries of the State University System of Florida.

Financial Data

Tuition and fees are established by the State University System Board of Regents as required by the Florida law, and they are subject to change. The 1989-90 credit hour fee schedule is as follows:

Credit Hour Fees

	Undergraduate	Graduate
Florida Resident	\$38.25	\$68.02
Out-Of-State Resident	\$130.22	\$202.97

Books and supplies are estimated to cost \$250 per semester, food is estimated to cost \$805 per semester, and housing is estimated to range from \$711 to \$1,485 per semester, depending on the choice of housing accommodations.

Financial Aid

Financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships, assistantships, fellowships, loans and work-study is awarded on the basis of academic promise and/or financial need.

During the 1987-88 academic year, more than \$12.3 million in financial aid was awarded to 8,057 students. Grants totaling \$3.63 million were awarded to 3,048 students; \$5.21 million in loans was issued to 2,703 students; \$1.28 million in scholarships was awarded to 1,136 students; and 1,170 students participated in work-study programs, receiving \$2.14 million.



Campus Housing

Student housing is available at both University Park and North Miami Campus in apartment-style accommodations ranging from one-person studios to eight-person suites. Each campus housing complex is designed to accommodate married students and small families as well as single students. Several units are adapted for use by handicapped students. While one-person studio apartments are available, the typical units are designed for two or four students and contain a small kitchen, a private bath, bedrooms and a living/dining area. The Tamiami Housing Complex at University Park offers six apartment styles and

houses 697, while the Bay Vista Complex at North Miami houses 552 students in five different apartment styles. The University offers food service in a cafeteria and Rathskellar on both campuses.

Student Activities

Students can take advantage of a diversified range of social and cultural events on and off campus. University organizations sponsor many concerts, films, plays, lectures, ethnic festivals and other special events during the year. Students can become involved in student government, clubs, fraternities, sororities and honor societies. South Florida offers extensive and exciting opportunities for recreational activities, the performing arts, professional sports and cultural events.

Athletics

FIU's intercollegiate athletic teams compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, the nation's most competitive college sports division. There are intercollegiate women's teams in basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis and cross country, and men's teams in basketball, soccer, baseball, golf, tennis, and cross country. The men's teams are part of the nine-team Trans America Athletic Conference, and the women's teams compete in the New South Women's Athletic Conference. The University's primary sports facilities include the Golden Panther Arena, a building that seats 4,500, and baseball and soccer fields, which seat 1,500 and are lighted.

The University also has programs in eight intramural sports: bowling, basketball, flag football, golf, soccer, softball, co-rec softball, and volleyball. Fitness centers at both University Park and North Miami Campus are equipped with a complete line of Nautilus and Universal equipment and free weights. The Aquatic Center at North Miami features an Olympic-sized pool and diving well.

University Administration

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Athletics.....	348-2756
Broward Center	474-1402
Continuing Education	940-5669
Financial Aid Office	348-2431
General Information (University Park).....	348-2000
General Information (North Miami).....	940-5595
Graduate Studies.....	348-2455
Media Relations/News Bureau	348-2232
Public Safety (University Park).....	348-2911
Public Safety (North Miami).....	940-5911
President's Office	348-2111
Registration & Records.....	348-2383
Residential Housing.....	348-0071
Student Activities.....	348-2137
Undergraduate Studies	348-2892
University Relations and Development	348-2448

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