

Division of Student Affairs

The Florida State University Division of Student Affairs empowers and supports all students to achieve their full potential. The Division of Student Affairs includes the following departments:

Campus Recreation

“Find What Moves You” in Campus Recreation. The department supports members of the FSU community in their pursuit of lifelong wellness by providing a diverse array of high-quality recreational programs, services, and facilities. Two fitness facilities, the Bobby E. Leach Center and the Fitness and Movement Clinic, offer a variety of fitness and wellness services to students, faculty, and staff. Cardiovascular and strength training equipment along with free weights is available to all patrons. Over eighty group fitness classes are available each week. Nationally certified trainers offer personal training. The Leach Center also contains a sixteen-lane, twenty-five-yard lap pool, spa and sauna, indoor jogging track, basketball and racquetball courts. Aquatics staff provides health and safety instruction (CPR/AED, First Aid, and Lifeguard training), adult and youth swim lessons, and other certification programs. Access to all Campus Recreation facilities is free for students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and affiliates may purchase daily access passes or recurring memberships. The FSU Reservation (the “Rez”) is a 73-acre lakefront facility located five minutes from campus, where patrons can enjoy kayaking, canoeing, sailing, or stand-up paddle boarding on Lake Bradford. Sunning, swimming, sand volleyball, disc golf, a climbing wall, and picnic pavilions are also available. Additionally, a high and low challenge (ropes) course is available for teambuilding and leadership development events facilitated by the FSU Challenge Program. The Outdoor Pursuits program at the Rez provides students the opportunity to enjoy outdoor adventure trips around the region including backpacking, kayaking, climbing, mountain biking, and paddling. Over forty Intramural Sport (IM) leagues are offered, from flag football to soccer and basketball to kickball. Leagues are available for men’s, women’s and co-ed teams with various divisions to accommodate a wide range of skill and talent levels. Nearly 2,000 students participate in one of over forty Sport Clubs. The clubs provide various instructional, recreational, and competitive opportunities for the more dedicated athlete. Students can also enjoy pick-up games virtually any time at FSU’s award-winning Rec SportsPlex outdoor sports facility, the Main Campus Fields, and Westside Courts.

Career Center

Nationally recognized for its comprehensive career services, the Florida State University Career Center provides students and alumni with the resources to prepare them for career success. With individualized career advising, a library offering over 3,000 information resources, employability skills workshops, and mock interviews, The Career Center helps students plan their careers. Career advisors, career liaisons, and staff assist students and alumni with choosing a major, researching occupations and employers, identifying internship opportunities, exploring post-graduate study, and developing job search strategies. No appointment is necessary to speak with a career advisor or career liaison. For students who would like to map out their career plans, The Career Center offers a one to three credit hour course, SDS 3340, Introduction to Career Development. This course gives students resources to help them make a successful transition to their next destination. The Career Center also provides a zero-credit (0 hour) course, SDS 3208 Experiential Learning that allows students to document experiences of internships, research, leadership, etc. on their transcript. The Career Center links students directly with employers through career fairs, on-campus interviewing and a powerful network of Florida State alumni, parents, and friends of the University. These opportunities allow students to network with employers nationwide and apply for positions. Students can also apply for career-related work experience, such as internships, part-time and summer jobs, externships, volunteer opportunities, or full-time jobs through Handshake, an extensive online jobs database. FSU students can stand out from the competition by taking advantage of Career Center tools. The Career Portfolio allows students in all academic disciplines to learn about, build and manage their skills and accomplishments through an online portal. Students can make themselves more marketable to employers or graduate programs by participating in the Garnet & Gold Scholar Society, a unique program that facilitates involvement and recognizes engaged, well-rounded students who excel within and beyond the classroom. The Career Center also offers customized mock interviews, where students can practice and improve their interviewing performance, as well as workshops covering employability and career readiness skills, including job searching, writing résumés and cover letters, interviewing, going to graduate school, and more.

Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE)

Florida State University and the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) are committed to recruiting, retaining, and graduating economically and educationally disadvantaged students who have the potential to do college level work. CARE is designed to provide first-time-in-college students from socially and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds with services such as a limited number of exclusive, full-credit Liberal Studies courses, academic advising, college life coaching, financial aid and literacy advising, academic tutoring, a computer lab, learning skills workshops, graduate school preparation, and cultural enrichment activities. The Center promotes a caring environment for students to discuss their academic, personal, and/or social concerns with a friendly, supportive staff. The Center provides a high-school-to-college Summer Bridge Program that includes intensive academic and social orientation to the University, introduction of participants to the responsibilities and opportunities of college life, encouragement of the development of useful study habits, and assistance with recognizing potential for success. The Student Support Services (SSS) program is designed to provide supplemental academic support and preparation for post-graduation career and educational planning for qualified students. The Student Support Services-STEM program provides qualified students majoring in a STEM field with additional tutoring, workshops, and post-graduation planning. In addition, through the Unconquered Scholars Program, CARE provides additional academic and engagement support activities for students who were a part of dependency care, foster care, or homeless before their enrollment at FSU.

Pre-Collegiate Programs:

College Reach Out Program (CROP) is a state-funded program established to identify, motivate, and prepare disadvantaged middle and high school students to pursue post-secondary education. Through supplemental academic assistance, enrichment activities, educational field trips, and college tours, CROP prepares students for the rigors of a college education.

The University Experience Program is the summer residential component of CROP offering high school students from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds the opportunity to visit the Florida State University campus during the summer. They attend courses and take part in cultural enrichment and college exposure activities.

The Upward Bound Program (UBP) is a federally funded program that serves high school students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Located at Gadsden County High School, Upward Bound offers developmental opportunities to students through a variety of educational activities, including an on-site computer lab dedicated to UBP participants. UBP staff also assists students in the development of personal and social skills that will help them complete high school and continue their formal education in a post-secondary setting.

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Center for Global Engagement

The Mission of the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) is to facilitate international diversity and foster global understanding and awareness within the FSU community. The CGE provides immigration services and ongoing support to over 2,700 international students, visiting scholars and international faculty. The CGE is committed to enhancing FSU's internationalization initiatives and offers several certificate programs designed to help develop a more intercultural competent campus community. The Global Partners Certificate Program provides training and workshops to increase intercultural competence for faculty and staff, and the Global Citizenship Certificate helps undergraduate students prepare for today's global society through a combination of academic classes and co-curricular activities. The CGE collaborates with Academic Affairs on two signature programs that increase international diversity and international study opportunities. FSU's Global Exchange Program provides students with the opportunity to study at one of over 40 international partner universities around the world and allows students from our partner universities to study at FSU for one or two semesters. The Special Academic Program serves as a path to graduate school for students from over 27 partners who study for two semesters as non-degree students and then apply to FSU graduate programs. The CGE also offers the Intercultural Program Series and the Engage Your World Intercultural Dialogue Series to provide all students with many enriching co-curricular opportunities to learn more about other cultures and current global issues.

Center for Leadership & Social Change

With a mission to transform lives through leadership education, identity development, and community engagement, the Center for Leadership & Social Change works toward the following vision: Students and alumni are responsible citizens and effective leaders. They are aware of and engaged in the world around them and use their talents and means to create a more just and humane society. Students are aware of their values and multiple identities, including ability, age, class, ethnicity, faith structure, gender identity expression, nationality, race, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status. They recognize the intersection of these identities and acknowledge that multiculturalism enhances the quality of life. From this understanding, students belong to and create intercultural communities that benefit from the value of difference. Students and alumni are known and respected for their leadership acumen and public service tradition. In their personal, professional, and creative communities, they readily seek and accept opportunities for life-long learning, meaningful influence, and positions of trust. The center offers more than 40 programs related to service, leadership education, and identity development.

Dean of Students Department

The primary focus of the Dean of Students Department is to support the academic mission of Florida State University and the Division of Student Affairs by providing services, programs, resources, and advocacy for the needs and interests of all students. This includes advocacy for students reporting alleged harassment, discrimination, academic concerns, and students in crisis. Staff members provide educational opportunities for students to develop their values, decision-making skills, and leadership capabilities through a variety of mechanisms, including alcohol or other drug meetings, academic accommodation meetings, and crisis interventions. Case Management Services works with students to provide emotional support, brief crisis counseling, advocacy, and identify immediate needs, making appropriate referrals to campus and community resources. Cases are monitored, as needed, to ensure individuals receive the support necessary to improve their life situation. New Student & Family Programs facilitates a welcoming and inclusive transition to Florida State University for all new students and their families. Orientation is the first program that helps ease the transition to Florida State University and college life. New Student & Family Programs also offers Seminoles in the City; First Year 'Nole e-Newsletter; Ask a 'Nole, and Family Connection. The Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) serves as the primary advocate for students with disabilities and a resource for the University community on disability-related issues. Through the provision of academic accommodations, testing support, assistive technologies, accessible transportation services and a space for students to feel part of the FSU community the SDRC creates an environment of success. In addition to the SDRC Testing Center, the SDRC maintains the Theodore and Vivian Johnson Adaptive Technology Lab, a facility that houses computers and adaptive equipment, which help students with disabilities to successfully meet the requirements of their academic programs. The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities administers student disciplinary procedures in accordance with the *Student Conduct Code* and maintains official disciplinary records. An emphasis is placed upon educating students about their rights and responsibilities as members of the University community. The Victim Advocate Program provides confidential advocacy to victims of all types of crimes. An advocate is on-call twenty-four hours a day to respond to Florida State University students, faculty, and staff who are victimized, and to any person victimized on Florida State University's campus. The services offered include emotional support, court accompaniment, crisis intervention, instructor notification, academic support, referrals, and educational programming for the campus community. The Withdrawal Services staff provides support to students and their families when a student's enrollment is unexpectedly interrupted for personal, medical, or mental health reasons, and/or other crises.

Oglesby Union

The Union supports the FSU community by providing educational experiences which enhance student engagement. The Union honors each individual and values diversity & inclusion and offers opportunities for involvement, provides services and conveniences that members of the university community need in their daily lives and creates an environment for getting to know and understand others through formal and informal associations. The Oglesby Union department is comprised of the Administration & Facility Operations, Art Center, Askew Student Life Center Cinema and Games, Crenshaw Lanes, Bowling and Billiards, Flying High Circus, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Activities & Programs, Student Organizations & Involvement, Union Productions, and Club Down Under.

The FSU Flying High Circus is an engagement activity that provides unique performance opportunities for students and supports University town & gown relationships. The circus features a variety of acts ranging from high wire to juggling and is part of the Oglesby Union. Annual shows occur in the fall and spring. Circus camps are offered in the summer on the main campus and at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA.

The Oglesby Union buildings are being demolished during summer 2018 to make way for a new Oglesby Union which is anticipated to open fall 2020. Temporary space and alternate campus locations are being used to maintain the programs and services offered to the university community.

Oglesby Union Services available:

Askew Student Life Center (ASLC): Cyber Café * Gamers club and video programs * Movie Theatre - Student Life Cinema * Information Desk

Haskin Circus Complex: Flying High Circus shows and camps

Oglesby Union Davis/Turner/Moore Buildings: Art Center * Fraternity and Sorority Life Office * Guest Services/Information Desk * Union Board * ATM's * Kaplan Education Center * Krentzman Lounge * Moore Auditorium * Union Ballrooms and meeting space * Seminole Dining Food Court

Student Services Building (SSB) 2nd floor: Conference Meeting Rooms * Information Desk and Lost & Found

Thagard Building 4th floor: Club Down Under/Union Productions Events * Clubs and Organizations * Student Activities Center *

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Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the student's voice at Florida State University. The mission of SGA is to provide "quality leadership for, and accountability to, its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement, and dialogue". All students are members of SGA, and hundreds serve in an elected and appointed positions, gathering hands-on experiential administrative, programming, and leadership skills. SGA provides representation, programs, services, and advocacy within the University structure to all Florida State University students. SGA focuses on leadership and identity development, belonging and inclusion, civic engagement and participation, and financial responsibility and stewardship, supporting traditions, initiatives, and communities that benefit the student body. The Congress of Graduate Students (COGS) is an elected body of all post-baccalaureate, graduate, professional and doctoral students at the University. COGS is a unified voice and advocate for all graduate related matters. It also offers travel grants to graduate students, funds graduate organizations, and sponsors a variety of programs and services for students. The SGA annually allocates approximately \$13 million of activity and service fees. SGA funds or partially funds activities of the student senate, the executive branch, student government agencies, and numerous student organizations and University units. Those units receiving funds include the Campus Recreation, Oglesby Union, COGS, Homecoming, the Child Care Center, the Golden Tribe Lecture Series, the Asian American Student Union, the Black Student Union, Class Councils, the Center for Participant Education, the Hispanic/Latino Student Union, the Inter-Residence Hall Council, the Office of Governmental Affairs, the Pride Student Union, the Women Student Union, the Veterans Student Union, First Responders Unit, SAFE (escort service), the SGA Student Publications Office, the SGA Office of Governmental Affairs, WVFS V-89 (student-run radio station), College Leadership Councils, the Student Sustainability Initiative, and countless student organization events and travel opportunities. This means that a majority of events on campus are free to FSU students.

University Housing

University Housing provides exceptional living opportunities for students to succeed academically. University Housing offers over 6,700 on-campus beds that are suites or apartments for full-time, degree-seeking, fee-paying students. Approximately 85% of the First Year class lives on campus. Residence hall staff provide resources and seek to create living environments that foster the lifelong learning of every resident through the promotion of responsible citizenship, scholarship, appreciation of differences, personal wellness, and involvement. Approximately 480 students live within eight different academic living learning communities. First year students who live on campus earn higher GPAs and retain at a higher rate than those who live off.

FSU Childcare and Early Learning Programs provide, for a fee, care and educational experiences at the Copeland Center for approximately 133 children, ages six weeks to four years of age. Children of Florida State University students, faculty, staff, alumni, as well as children of the greater community are eligible for services, however priority for enrollment is given to FSU students, faculty and staff. Childcare and Early Learning Development Programs also provide sites for research by faculty members and graduate students in a variety of areas as well as a laboratory setting in which students may observe, complete practicums/internships, or work with young children. The Childcare and Early Learning Programs are highly credentialed with full-time professional faculty leading the classrooms.

University Counseling Center

The University Counseling Center (UCC), a department in the Division of Student Affairs, provides counseling services and programs to help students resolve psychological issues and personal concerns that interfere with academic progress, social development, and emotional well-being. Our goal is to help students function to the best of their abilities and make the most of their years at FSU. Because student fees cover these services, there is no out-of-pocket expense for any visit for all currently enrolled FSU Students. UCC services are provided by licensed psychologists, licensed mental health counselors, licensed clinical social workers and trainees on varying levels. These services include but are not limited to brief individual therapy, group therapy, crisis intervention, consultation, and referrals. Outreach presentations on mental-health topics and life skills are available to students, residence halls, student organizations, faculty, and staff. The UCC sponsors RENEW (Realizing Everyone's Need for Emotional Wellness), a peer-educator student organization whose mission is the promotion of emotional health and coping skills to FSU students. Students can receive individual instructional sections by RENEW members on various topics including time management, stress management, and test anxiety. Enrolled students may initiate counseling services by walking in to the UCC during regular office hours and requesting to speak with a clinician. When meeting with a clinician at walk-in, the clinician will determine the best plan for meeting the individual student's mental health needs. In addition, students who are experiencing a mental health crisis at a time outside of the UCC's regular office hours have the option of calling the UCC's after-hours service at 850-644-TALK and immediately speaking with a clinician. Records of visits to the UCC as well as after-hours crisis calls are strictly confidential and are not included in the student's University records. Confidential information will not be released to anyone without written permission, unless there appears to be clear and imminent danger to the student or others. Students who are aware that they will require longer-term treatment are encouraged to make arrangements for private care in the community before entering the University. However, if necessary, the University Counseling Center's staff will make referrals for ongoing treatment in the Tallahassee community. Treatment outside the center will be at the student's expense.

University Health Services

University Health Services (UHS) provides a coordinated continuum of care through prevention, intervention and treatment services. Services include general medical care, priority care, women's care, psychiatry, allergy injection clinic, immunizations, nutrition, confidential HIV testing, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, and a medical response unit. UHS bills the student's insurance for any charges incurred. The UHS Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness (CHAW) assists students in their academic success through individual, group, and population-based health and wellness initiatives. CHAW addresses environmental factors that reduce risk and educates students about healthy lifestyles. CHAW also offers internships and educational opportunities; and mentors, trains, and advises peer health educators while encouraging creativity and leadership. UHS clinical staff includes board-certified physicians, psychiatrists, advanced registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed practical nurses, x-ray technologists, registered nurses, and dietitians. The health center has more than one hundred full-time employees and also employs many part-time and student staff members. All students must meet State Board of Education immunization requirements. Immunization requirements for FSU are explained in the Health Compliance checklist which can be found at <http://www.uhs.fsu.edu> under the "Admission Health Requirements" tab. All incoming full-time students are required to have health insurance coverage. As a condition of their admittance to Florida State University, all non-United States citizens on a J-1 or F-1 visa must have appropriate health insurance regardless of their credit hour load. Information about insurance policies available for students is posted on the student insurance web site at <http://www.studentinsurance.fsu.edu> or by calling the Health Compliance Office at (850) 644-3608. Additional services in the Health and Wellness building include dental, chiropractic, massage and Quest diagnostics lab.

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Online Resource: The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs' website can be accessed at studentaffairs.fsu.edu