


Welcome to Your Academic Advising Session!




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Advising Overview Day 1 – Session 1



General Information


- ✓ Undergraduate Education
- ✓ Immediate Resources
- ✓ What's New in College
- ✓ University Core Curriculum
- ✓ Summer B Program
- ✓ FIGs Program



Undergraduate Education

Undergraduate Education is the *Central Hub* for lower-division students entering the University.

- ✓ Guide students through their transition.
- ✓ Enable students to succeed!
- ✓ Strengthen our undergraduate programs!



YOUR Undergraduate Education Support Offices:


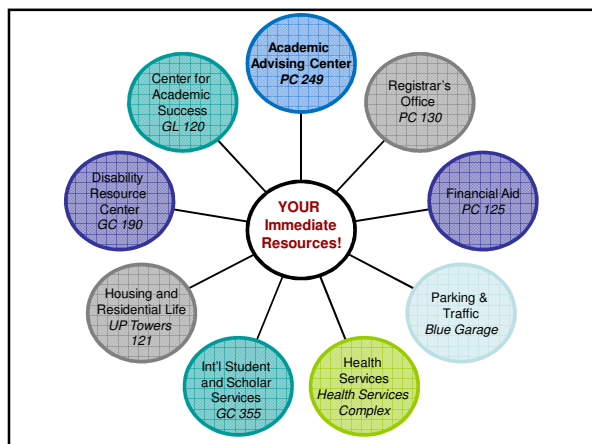
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The Academic Advising Center

Advising is Teaching and Learning!

We help you...

- ❖ Navigate your first 30 credits
- ❖ Understand the University Core Curriculum philosophy & requirements
- ❖ Develop a personalized academic plan
- ❖ Learn to gather accurate information
- ❖ Enhance your educational experience

What's New in College?

University Culture...

- ❖ Less Structured Environment
- ❖ Greater Freedom
- ❖ Larger Population

Challenges...

- ❖ Learning How Things Work
- ❖ Time Management
- ❖ Being on Your Own
- ❖ Knowing What You Want



Succeeding in College



Take Responsibility for Your Education...

- ✓ Attend Class
- ✓ Meet with an advisor regularly
- ✓ Keep all your academic records (e.g. academic/degree audit)
- ✓ Stay informed – keep a calendar
- ✓ Use campus resources

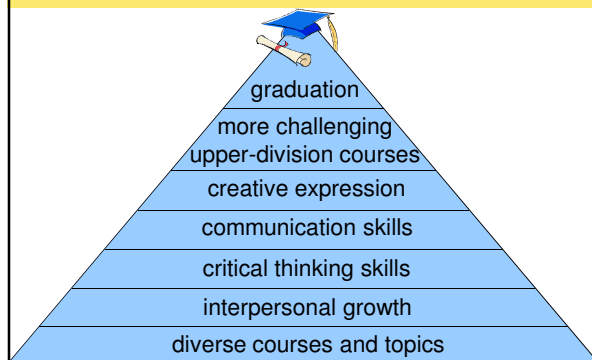
Succeeding in College



Be an Active Student...

- ✓ Stay on top of your assignments!
- ✓ Use professor office hours
- ✓ Utilize Teaching Assistants (TA's)
- ✓ Seek help early
- ✓ Put forth your maximum effort! (Good standing – minimum 2.0 GPA)

The UCC is much more than a check-off list!



Foundation for academic and professional excellence!

Summer B Philosophy

- ❖ Opportunity to prepare for Fall courses
- ❖ Admission based on high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores
- ❖ Over 1200 students are admitted for the Summer B program
- ❖ Courses:
 - ✓ UCC (English Comp., Social Inquiry, Art)
 - ✓ Math and/or English review



First Year Interest Groups (FIGs)

- ❖ Learning communities of 25 students taking classes together.
- ❖ Sections based on student needs and interests.
- ❖ Faculty work together to connect course content.
- ❖ Eases transition to FIU and increases student success!



Advising Overview Day 1 - Session 2

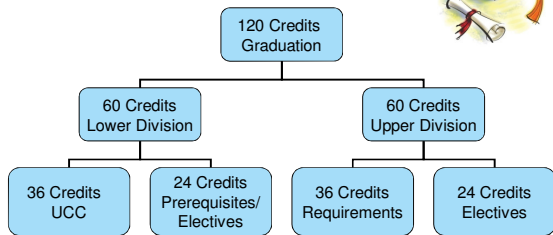


Detailed Information

- ✓ University Core Curriculum
- ✓ Plan of Study
- ✓ Choosing Your Major
- ✓ Selecting Courses
- ✓ FIGs Program
- ✓ Preparing for Registration



Sample of Four Years in College

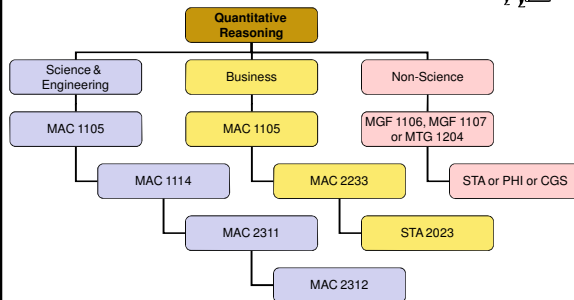


University Core Curriculum (UCC)

- ✓ Only courses listed can be used to meet UCC requirements!
- ✓ Courses make up 36 credits of the 120 credits you need to graduate.
- ✓ Courses should be taken at FIU during the first two years. Click for UCC
- ✓ ENC 1930, MAT/MGF 1996 and MAC 1105 may be required. *These are electives, not UCC courses.*
- ✓ Some courses have prerequisites (catalog).



Math Tracks



ALEKS Math Placement Test

- ❖ You should have taken ALEKS prior to Orientation.
- ❖ ALEKS results in combination with SAT/ACT scores will be used for placement.
- ❖ Score is only valid for 4 months!



[Back to UCC](#)

What is a Plan of Study?

- ❖ A guide that is used **together** with the **University Core Curriculum**.
- ❖ Shows which courses (if any) from the UCC are required and/or recommended for every major.
- ❖ Guides students through the first 60 credits.



Using the Plan of Study



Click for plan of study

- ❖ If YOUR major **requires** a specific course from a UCC category, take that course! If you take another course from the same category, it will count as an **elective**.
- ❖ Some majors require **Pre-requisites**. These courses must be completed before being admitted into your major.
- ❖ Some programs require **9-24 elective credits** to complete your first 60 credits.

Choosing Your Major

❖ Explore YOUR...

- ✓ Interests, skills, abilities, hobbies, lifestyle, strengths & weaknesses
- ✓ Ideal job (knowledge, tasks, environment, education required)

❖ Take Action!

- ✓ Take University Core Curriculum courses
- ✓ Visit Career Services (www.fiu.edu/~career)
- ✓ Consider general areas of interest (Science, Business, Non-Science)
- ✓ Explore majors via the FIU website (ex: business.fiu.edu)
- ✓ Meet with an Advisor to discuss more options



Summer B Courses

- ❖ Students choose courses from a specified list based on **test scores** and **major**.
- ❖ Students enroll in a total of 7 credits.



Courses Available

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|--------------------------|---|
| ✓ First Year Experience | SLS 1501 |
| ✓ English Composition | ENC 1930 or ENC 1101 |
| ✓ Quantitative Reasoning | MAT 1996 or MGF 1996 |
| ✓ Social Inquiry | PSY 2012 or SYG 2000 |
| ✓ Arts | MUH 1011, MUH 2116, SPC 2600, or THE 2000 |

Group 1

Courses Available

- 🐾 SLS 1501 (1)
- 🐾 ENC 1101 (3)
- 🐾 PSY 2012, SYG 2000, MUH 1011, MUH 2116, or SPC 2600 (3)



Group 2

Courses Available

- 🐾 SLS 1501 (1)
- 🐾 MAT 1996 or MGF 1996 (3)
- 🐾 ENC 1101, PSY 2012, SYG 2000, MUH 1011 or MUH 2116 (3)



Group 3

Courses Available

- 🐾 SLS 1501 (1)
- 🐾 ENC 1930 (3)
- 🐾 MUH 1011 or MUH 2116 (3)



Group 4

Courses Available

- 🐾 SLS 1501 (1)
- 🐾 ENC 1930 (3)
- 🐾 MAT 1996 or MGF 1996 (3)



Registering for FIGs



- ❖ Choose 3 FIGs from your group's options
- ❖ Register with Peer Advisors after the advising session
- ❖ You will be officially registered a few days after Orientation and receive a FIG Hold
- ❖ **Please check additional holds.**
You will not be registered until these holds are removed!

Planning for Fall Registration

❖ **Balance your schedule**

- ✓ For every hour spent in class, you should dedicate 2-3 hours to studying on your own

❖ **"Full time" means 12 credits**

❖ **Continue your ENC/Math courses**

- ✓ ENC 1930 in Summer = ENC 1101 in Fall*
- ✓ ENC 1101 in Summer = ENC 1102 in Fall*
- ✓ Register for appropriate Math course*

**Pending passing grades!*

❖ **Satisfy UCC requirements/use Plan of Study**

❖ **Use elective credits to explore areas of interest**



Advising and Registration

❖ **Homework – REQUIRED!**

- ✓ Pull Plan of Study
- ✓ Identify classes and alternatives for registration
- ✓ View Schedule of Classes (<http://my.fiu.edu>)

❖ **Holds**

- ✓ Check Panthersoft
- ✓ Sample Holds (UUC, RIM, IMI)

❖ **Payment Options**

- ✓ Drop Box, Panthersoft (e-check, credit card with 2% fee—*Visa not accepted*), and Cashier's Office (*long lines*)
- ✓ Last day to pay: **June 23**



Advising Overview Day 2 – Final Session

Advising and Registration

- ✓ Undergraduate Catalog
- ✓ Additional Resources
- ✓ Important Dates!
- ✓ Advising / Signing of Forms
- ✓ Registration



Undergraduate Catalog

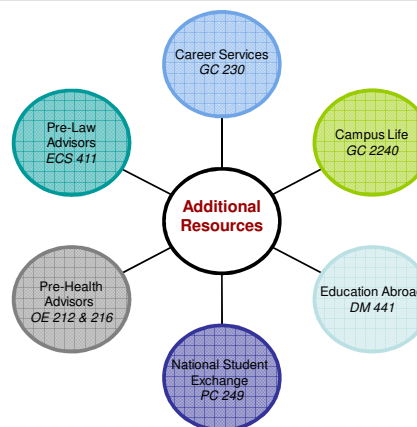
Your Academic Contract with FIU!

What is in the catalog?

- ❖ FIU History/Accreditation
- ❖ University Policies/Procedures
- ❖ Grading System
- ❖ Academic Programs/Requirements (*Majors, Minors, Certificates*)
- ❖ Course Descriptions/Prerequisites
- ❖ Resources
- ❖ Academic Calendar



NOTE: The Catalog is available online at: <http://catalog.fiu.edu>



Common Reading

Funny in Farsi by Firoozeh Dumas



- ❖ Book received at Orientation
- ❖ Assignment – read prior to the start of the semester
- ❖ All freshmen will participate during First-Year Experience
- ❖ Opportunity to share diverse cultural and international perspectives

Important Dates!

Registration: August for Fall and/or Spring, November for Spring, April for Summer. Academic Calendar: <http://registrar.fiu.edu>

- ❖ **Prior to Registration**
 - ✓ Clear holds
 - ✓ Identify potential courses
 - ✓ Meet with Academic Advisor
- ❖ **Official Registration**
 - ✓ Register for classes using PantherSoft
- ❖ **Payment Deadline**
 - ✓ Courses will be dropped if payment deadline is not met



Important Dates continued...

- ❖ **Drop/Add Week**
 - ✓ First week of each semester!
 - ✓ Drop or add courses without penalty.
- ❖ **Official Drop Deadline**
 - ✓ Deadline to drop a course with "DR" grade.
 - ✓ Cannot add courses after add/drop period – only drop!
 - ✓ "DR" grade not calculated in GPA.
 - ✓ Courses with "DR" considered an attempt.
 - ✓ On third attempt, student charged additional \$600.
 - ✓ Students are **solely responsible** for dropping courses via PantherSoft. Otherwise, courses remain on transcript!



Important Dates!



Click for form

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| ✓ Class Schedule Available | Orientation |
| ✓ Official Registration | Orientation |
| ✓ Payment Deadline | June 23 |
| ✓ Drop/Add Week | June 24 – July 1 |
| ✓ Official Drop Deadline | July 17 |