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• Frozen Historical Courses
• FIU’s Catalog Master
• FIU’s Course Schedule Master
• SUS Board of Regents (BOR) Student Data Course File
• SUS Board of Regents (BOR) Admissions File
• FIU’s Budget Office Annual Report
• FIU’s Sponsored Research Annual Report
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Mission Statement
Florida International University
Submitted for Approval to the Board of Regents, May 20, 1999

Florida International University (FIU) is an urban, multicampus, research university serving Southeast Florida, the state, the nation and the international community by imparting knowledge through excellent undergraduate and graduate teaching, by creating new knowledge through research, and by promoting public service.

Five strategic themes guide the University’s development: International, Environmental, Urban, Health, and Information. We focus on these themes with a commitment to quality management and cultural diversity.

The University’s priorities are to graduate a well educated, technologically sophisticated, ethnically diverse student body, who can think critically about a changing world; to continue to enhance undergraduate teaching while broadening graduate and professional programs; to promote research and creative activities which contribute to the social, artistic, cultural, economic, environmental, scientific and technological foundations for the 21st century; and to solve critical social, educational, environmental, health and transportation problems through applied research and service.

These strategic themes and priorities guide our pursuit of recognition as one of America’s top 25 public urban research universities while maintaining the highest quality of undergraduate programs.
Accreditation and Memberships

Florida International University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees. All academic programs of the University are approved by the State Board of Education and the Florida Board of Regents. The professional programs of the respective schools of the University are accredited or approved by the appropriate professional associations, or are pursuing full professional accreditation or approval.

The University is also a member of the Association of Upper Level Colleges and Universities, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Florida Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, a Charter Member of the Southeast Florida Educational Consortium, and numerous other educational and professional associations.

The following agencies have accredited professional programs at the University:

- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
- Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration
- Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications
- America Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business
- American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
- American Chemical Society
- American Council of Construction Education
- Commission for the Accreditation of Allied Health Education
- Computer Science Accreditation Commission
- Council of Graduate Schools in the United States
- Council on Education for Public Health
- Florida Consortium on Multilingual and Multicultural Education
- Florida State Board of Nursing
- Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) of the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA).
- National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAACB).
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- National Association of Colleges of Nursing
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs
- National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education
- National League of Nursing
- The American Dietetics Association
- The American Medical Association
- The American Health Information Management Association
- The American Occupational Therapy Association
- The American Physical Therapy Association
- The American Society of Clinical Pathologists
- The Council on Social Work Education

Intercollegiate Athletics

Florida International University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Sun Belt Conference. The University competed at the Division I-AAA level since September of 1987, having competed successfully at the Division II levels since 1972.