

EAGLE INFORMATION

2007-2008 Academic Year

Developed as an environmentally friendly campus, Florida Gulf Coast University maintains over half of its 760 acres in their natural state. FGCU is committed to preserving and restoring the wetlands and wildlife that make Southwest Florida so unique.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

Where is FGCU located?

Fort Myers, Florida, in the Southwest region of the state.

When was FGCU founded?

1991 as Florida's 10th state university.

How many programs does FGCU offer?

44 undergraduate and 22 graduate programs.

How many students attend FGCU?

Over 8,000 students are currently enrolled at FGCU.

What is the average class size?

28 students.

What is the student to faculty ratio?

17 students for every 1 faculty member.

What is the average age of an FGCU student?

Undergraduate 23

Graduate 34

What is the percentage of male students to female students?

37% male. 63% female.

What is the percentage of students-of-color at FGCU?

17%

How many academic terms are offered at FGCU?

Semester system that includes Fall, Spring, and Summer. (Summer includes two accelerated and one regular session.)

Can I have a car on campus?

Yes, all students may have cars on campus. Parking permits are required for all students.

ADMISSIONS & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

How long does the admission process take?

Students should allow three weeks for a response once their application is complete.

What is needed to complete an application for admission?

Apply on-line at: <http://enrollment.fgcu.edu/admissions/apply.htm> or mail in the FGCU paper admissions application with your application fee. Freshmen and Transfers with less than 60 hours will need to provide high school transcripts and ACT or SAT scores. All Transfers will need to provide transcripts from all prior colleges or universities attended.

Are references and/or essays required?

They are not required, but may be included if desired.

Is there an application deadline?

FGCU operates on a rolling admission basis, however, priority application deadlines for Freshmen and Transfer students are:

Spring 08-----November 10

Fall 08-----June 30

Spring 09-----November 12

Summer 09-----March 31

Students seeking competitive scholarships for Fall should apply by November 15.

Is orientation required?

Yes, all undergraduate students must attend an Eagle View Orientation session. At this session, you will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes.

Do I have to submit immunization records?

Yes, proof of immunization is required before registering for classes.

Can I be considered for admission if I have a GED?

Yes, official GED scores, as well as SAT/ACT test scores, must be sent in addition to the admissions application.

Will I be considered for admission if I received home schooling?

Yes. Your ACT/SAT test scores and official transcript will be reviewed for admission consideration.

FIRST-TIME-IN-COLLEGE INFORMATION

What high school courses are required for admission?

Four (4) units of English, three (3) units of Social Sciences, three (3) units of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), three (3) units of Natural Science, three (3) units of academic electives, and two (2) units of the same, sequential foreign language.

How is my high school GPA calculated?

All grades are converted to the 4-point scale: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, Failing grade=0. Only academic courses (see above) are counted.

Does FGCU weight any classes?

All Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses will be weighted with one full quality point. All Honors and Dual Enrollment courses will receive one half of a quality point.

What if a student took both the SAT and the ACT?

Both scores will be reviewed and the more favorable will be used in the admission decision.

What are the foreign language requirements for First-Time-in-College students?

Students who are admitted but did not complete two sequential units of the same foreign language in high school must complete eight semester hours of the same foreign language or American Sign Language at the collegiate level prior to graduation.

What are the admissions requirements for First-Time-in-College students?

Your grade point average will be recalculated using four (4) units of English, three (3) units of Social Sciences, three (3) units of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), three (3) units of Natural Science, three (3) units of academic electives, and two (2) units of the same sequential foreign language. Most students admitted have at least a 3.0 grade point average and meet the minimum SAT requirements of 440 Critical Reading and 440 Mathematics or minimum ACT requirements of 16 composite with sub scores of 18 Reading, 19 Mathematics, and 17 English.

Are standardized tests required for First-Time-in-College admission?

Yes. SAT and/or ACT scores are required for consideration of admission for first-time-in-college and lower-level transfer students.

How do I submit my SAT and/or ACT test scores?

Official scores should be sent directly to FGCU by The College Board or ACT. If your high school has the official scores on your transcript, those scores will be considered official. FGCU's institution code is 5221 for SAT and 0733 for ACT.

Does FGCU have a sliding scale?

The State University System sliding scale is used, wherein a lower GPA can be offset with a higher test score and vice versa.

Does FGCU offer Early Admission or Dual Enrollment?

FGCU has several full-time early admission and part-time dual enrollment agreements with local school districts and private high schools. Admission requirements for these programs are higher than our standard freshman requirements. A recalculated GPA of 3.3 along with an SAT score of 1100 or an ACT score of 23 is required.

What is the Collegiate High School?

FGCU's Collegiate High School (CHS) is a unique early admission program designed to allow talented students in select majors to start their college career after completing their sophomore year in high school. Students must be from one of the five surrounding school districts in Southwest Florida and meet the eligibility criteria spelled out on the CHS website at <http://www.fgcu.edu/chs/>

TRANSFER INFORMATION**What is a transfer student?**

Lower-level transfers are students who have less than 60 transferable credit hours. Upper-level transfers have 60 or more hours of transferable credit hours or hold an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from a Florida public community college.

What are the admissions requirements for Transfers?

Lower-level transfers must meet first-time-in-college entry requirements and be in good standing at their most recent institution. Upper-level transfers must have at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for all college-level courses attempted and be in good standing at their most recent institution.

What courses transfer to FGCU?

FGCU accepts most courses from regionally accredited institutions with the exception of remedial, physical education, and vocational/technical courses.

How will I know what courses transfer?

All submitted transcripts will be reviewed and articulation of credit will appear on your Gulfline account before the end of your first semester at FGCU.

What college transcripts are required?

Official college transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted.

Are standardized tests required for Transfer admission?

Lower-level transfers must submit SAT and/or ACT scores. Upper-level transfers are not required to submit these scores.

What are the foreign language requirements for Transfers?

Students who did not meet the foreign language requirement in high school or college (two years of the same foreign language) must satisfy the university requirement (8 semester hours of the same language) prior to graduation.

What if I have an AS degree from a Florida Community College?

FGCU has articulation agreements with several Florida public community colleges allowing for an easy transition to upper-level status for an AS student.

Is my high school transcript required for Transfer admission?

A lower-level transfer must submit high school transcripts. Upper-level transfers should only submit a high school transcript if the foreign language requirement was met in high school.

What is the process for international students?

FGCU has an International Student Guide. For answers to any questions you may have regarding international student admission, please review this guide at www.fgcu.edu/prospective/international.asp. FGCU's TOEFL code is 5125

COSTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

How much does it cost to attend FGCU?

For an up-to-date tuition and fee schedule visit www.fgcu.edu/cashiers/tuition-and-fees.html

Is financial aid available?

Yes. Financial Aid is available to students from a variety of sources including federal, state, and institutional grants as well as institutional scholarships, on-campus job opportunities, and student loans.

How do I apply for aid?

You can apply online by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov or request a paper application from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. FGCU's FAFSA institution code is 032553.

When should I apply for financial aid?

The FAFSA is available in January of the year in which you plan to enroll. To be considered for the FGCU Foundation scholarships, you need to complete a separate application between November 15 and March 15.

What scholarships are available at FGCU?

A variety of scholarships are available for all student types. The scholarship application is available at www.fgcu.edu/AS/FinancialAid/scholarships.html

What if I am a participant in the Florida Pre-Paid Plan?

You may use your Florida Pre-Paid Plan at FGCU. To find out more, please visit www.florida529plans.com.

What if I qualify for Bright Futures?

If you are eligible for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, you must apply during your last year in high school or forfeit all future eligibility. Check the Florida Department of Education web site at <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/home/uamain.htm>

What type of payment does FGCU accept for tuition?

Cash, check, and credit cards.

When is my tuition due?

Please consult the academic calendar for all deadlines.

What determines Florida residency?

Florida statues base Florida residency for tuition purposes on the student's legal domicile. For dependent students, the domicile of the parents determines residency. Documents supporting the legal domicile, such as a driver's license or voter registration, must show an issue or filing date twelve full months (no exceptions) prior to the start of classes. Domicile which is merely incident to obtaining an education may not be used to establish Florida residency.

STUDENT SERVICES**Is tutoring available?**

Yes. The Center for Academic Achievement offers free tutoring services to all students.

What services are provided to students with disabilities?

The Office of Adaptive Services provides services and accommodations to enhance the learning process of students with documented disabilities.

Does FGCU have a Career Placement center?

Yes. FGCU's Career Development Services (CDS) will assist you with the tools necessary to promote yourself in today's job market. All students and alumni benefit from CDS services, which include a career reference library and job/internship/on-campus postings.

HONORS PROGRAM**Does FGCU have an Honors Program?**

Yes. There is a separate application to become a part of the Honors Program.

What are the requirements for admission for students into the Honors Program?

Highly qualified students are chosen to become a part of the program. For more information specific to the Honors Program, please go to www.fgcu.edu/honors/ or e-mail honors@fgcu.edu.

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE**Does FGCU have on-campus housing?**

Yes. North Lake Village is conveniently located between the athletics facilities and main campus area.

What is the cost of on-campus housing?

Please see <http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/Housing/AboutCosts.html> for the most up-to-date housing costs.

What type of housing is offered?

Apartment-style housing. Our fully furnished apartments consist of 4 single or 2 double bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and two bathrooms. 455 of the 495 apartments offer single-occupancy bedrooms. Amenities within the apartment include high-speed Internet access and basic cable TV in each bedroom and local phone service and basic cable in the living room.

Are First-Time-in-College students required to live on campus?

No. All students have the opportunity to live on campus; however, it is not a requirement.

How do I apply for University Housing?

Students may apply for on-campus housing once they receive their university identification number (UIN) from the Office of Admissions; however, a specific room assignment will not be made until admission to the University is complete. The application may be found at <http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/Housing/ApplyPR.html> and must be submitted with a \$50 non-refundable application fee.

Are meal plans available? How much are they?

Yes. Dining services offers a variety of meal plans with a variety of payment options. www.fgcludining.com

Are meal plans required?

No. Meal plans are not required. Each apartment is equipped with a kitchen where students may cook meals.

Are health services available to students?

Yes. FGCU has full-time staff available to meet each student's health needs.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Does FGCU have Greek Life?

Yes. The number of our sororities and fraternities increases each year.

Does FGCU have a ROTC program?

No. FGCU does not have a ROTC program at this time.

Are there any religious organizations at FGCU?

Yes. A variety of denominations are represented through different spiritual organizations and events on campus.

What other clubs does FGCU have?

There are many special interest clubs, multicultural clubs, waterfront activities, intramural sports, and service groups on campus. If we do not have one you would like to be part of, you can easily start a club of your own!

ATHLETICS

What is FGCU's mascot?

Azul the Eagle.

What athletic association does FGCU have?

NCAA Division I membership. FGCU is a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference.

What intercollegiate sports does FGCU have?

Men's and women's basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, tennis, men's baseball, and women's softball, swimming and diving, and volleyball.

What intramural sports does FGCU have?

FGCU offers a host of intramural sports, such as flag football and volleyball, among others.

What types of athletic facilities are available to FGCU students?

Our athletics facilities have all been built within the past few years. Alico Arena houses the basketball arena, a separate teaching gymnasium and a state-of-the-art work-out facility that is free to students. The aquatic center, 12 lighted tennis courts, and athletic and intramural fields are also available for student use.

VISITING THE CAMPUS

How do I get to the FGCU campus?

FGCU is located just off of Interstate 75 between exits 123 and 128. Southwest Florida International Airport is located just north of the campus. Major metropolitan areas of Tampa, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami are within a two to four hour drive from FGCU.

Does FGCU offer campus tours?

Tours are offered daily Monday through Friday. To reserve your spot on a guided campus tour, please register at www.fgcu.edu/info/campustour.asp

How do I speak with an admissions representative?

The Margaret S. Sugden Welcome Center is staffed with plenty of admissions representatives that will be glad to answer your questions. Appointments are not necessary! Just drop by or call us at (239) 590-7878 or 1-888-889-1095.

Does FGCU have open houses?

Yes, we offer Eagle Expo Open Houses each year in the fall and spring. For more information about FGCU open houses please visit www.fgcu.edu/prospective/expo

Are there local accommodations if I need to stay overnight?

Southwest Florida is a major tourist destination for many families. Our local area has many hotel offerings and attractions. Many businesses in our area offer discounts and special rates to friends and family of FGCU.

What are some local attractions in the Southwest Florida area?

Local beaches, Sanibel and Captiva islands, Edison-Ford Winter Estates, Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox spring training camps, the Florida Everglades, great shopping, and cultural and ethnic festivals are just a few of the exciting things to do and see when you are in the Southwest Florida area.

ACCREDITATION:

FGCU is a four-year, public institution and is part of the State University System of Florida.

Florida Gulf Coast 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 associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees.

For information on graduate programs, please contact:

Graduate Admissions office:

(239) 590-7908

www.fgcu.edu/graduate/

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2007-2008 Undergraduate Programs of Study

College of Arts & Sciences

Anthropology (B.A.)
Art (B.A.)
Biology (B.A. and B.S.)
 Accelerated 3 +4 Pre-Medicine
 Pre-Professional
Biotechnology (B.S.)
Chemistry (B.A.)
Communication (B.A.)
English (B.A.)
Environmental Studies (B.A.)
History (B.A.)
Liberal Studies (B.A.)
Marine Science (B.A.)
Mathematics (B.A. and B.S.)
Philosophy (B.A.)
Psychology (B.A.)
Sociology (B.A.)
Spanish (B.A.)
Theatre (B.A.)

Bower School of Music

Music (B.A.)
 Performance
 Performance/Teaching

Minors

African Diaspora Studies
Anthropology
Art
Biology
Chemistry
Community Planning and Development
Creative Writing
English
Global Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Psychology
Sociology
Southwest Florida Studies
Spanish
Women's Studies

Lutgert College of Business

Accounting (B.S.)
Computer Information Systems (B.S.)
Computer Science (B.S.)
 Software Engineering
Finance (B.S.)
Management (B.S.)
 Entrepreneurship
 Human Resource Management
 Sports Management
Marketing (B.S.)

U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering

Bioengineering (B.S.)
Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.)
Environmental Engineering (B.S. Env.E.)

Minors

Advertising
Computer Information Systems
Economics
Management
Marketing
Real Estate
Software Engineering

College of Education

Early Childhood Education (B.A.)
Elementary Education (B.A.)
Secondary Education (B.A.)
 Biology
 Mathematics
 Social Sciences
Special Education (B.A.)

Minor

Education

College of Health Professions

Athletic Training (B.S.)
Clinical Laboratory Science (B.S.)
Community Health (B.S.)
 Community Health
 Health Education
 Human Occupations
Health Science (B.S.)
 Health Science
 Health Services Administration
 Recreational Therapy
Human Performance (B.S.)
Nursing (B.S.N.)
 RN-BSN Accelerated Pathway

College of Professional Studies

- Criminal Forensic Studies (B.S.)
- Criminal Justice (B.S.)
- Legal Studies (B.S.)
- Political Science (B.A.)
- Resort & Hospitality Management (B.S.)
 - Event Management
 - Professional Golf Management
 - Spa Management
- Social Work (B.S.W.)

Minor

- Political Science



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