



International Student Orientation Information

January 2012

Attendance at orientation is part of complying with U.S. immigration regulations.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT ALL PERTINENT SESSIONS REQUIRED

Do not schedule any other activity during the orientation days and times. You will have opportunities between sessions to attend to your personal affairs.

International Student Early Student Housing Move-in: Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012

International Student Orientation

Wednesday, January 4th, 2012 (10.00 am to 5.00pm)

Location: Ben Hill Griffin, Room 107

****Check-in begins at 9:30 am****

Thursday, January 5th, 2012 (9.00am to noon)

Location: Ben Hill Griffin, Room 107 & 111

****Check-in begins at 9:00 am****

Document Processing

Thursday, January 5th, 2012 (1.00pm to 5.00pm)

Friday, January 6th, 2012 (noon to 5.00 pm)

Location: Reed Hall Room 125

Eagle View New Student Orientation

Friday, January 6th, 2012 (8.00 am – 10.00 am)

Only for Undergraduate F-1 Students (Not J-1 & Graduate Level)

Location: Student Union Building, Ballroom

Advising with Academic Advisors: 10.00 am

International Exchange students with a J-1 visa (both graduates and undergraduates), MUST also attend the Lutgert College of Business Orientation on Thursday, Jan 5th, (3:00-4:00 pm) in the Student Affairs Suite in Lutgert Hall

Eagle View Orientation is for all new undergraduate students (on F-1 Visa) who attend FGCU for the first time. You will learn more information about Florida Gulf Coast University and be able to register for classes. You will also receive your FGCU Student ID, university email access, library information, etc. During the International Student Orientation, you will receive essential information about the university, immigration regulations that pertain to your presence in the U.S. and at the university, and you will meet FGCU administrators and students who can assist you. Additionally, it is designed to help you adjust to living and studying in the United States and to welcome you to our university. U.S. immigration requires that you present yourself with your documents to the university's Designated School Official for processing as you enroll to be a student. (For more information on Designated School Official, see enclosed Pre-arrival Guide). **You will be able to sign up for an appointment time for your document processing** and be given specific instructions during the Orientation session when you arrive. Your document processing will be a 10-15 minute session.

You must bring the following documents with you to your appointment:

- ___ I-20/DS-2019
- ___ I-94 Card
- ___ Passport
- ___ FGCU mailing address (post office box number)
- ___ Other immigration documents you have

___ U.S. Social Security Card or individual Tax Payer Identification number (if you currently have one)

Pre-Registration for Classes

All new international students will be pre-registered for the first semester of classes prior to attending Orientation. This pre-registration is required to ensure that you will be enrolled full time and that you are able to enroll into classes appropriate for your major and level of study. Each student is assigned to an Academic Advisor through the entire time the student attends the university. They assist you in selecting appropriate courses and successfully register for classes, and review your personal academic file to ensure that you are completing required classes on schedule. Classes are selected based on individual student circumstances such as degree program requirements, University requirements, and transfer hours, etc. To locate your academic advisor please visit: <http://www.fgcu.edu/info/advising.asp>

Your Academic Advisor will contact you (often via e-mail) to arrange for your initial communication about your first semester classes. Your pre-registration should be completed before you arrive to Florida Gulf Coast University for the International Student Orientation. During the Eagle View Orientation, you will meet your Academic Advisor and have the opportunity to make adjustments to your class schedule if that is necessary. You may also contact the Academic Advising staff at any time, via e-mail at: advising@fgcu.edu or by phone at (239) 590-7875.

Required International Student Medical Insurance

Health care and medical service in the U.S. are privately funded and can be very expensive. Students must have personal medical insurance. The university has limited health care services on campus which can be utilized for basic health care needs. International students must comply with the State of Florida Board of Regents (BOR) rule requiring all international students to have medical insurance in order to register or enroll in classes. Rule 6C-6.009(6), provides that as of Fall 1992, no foreign student in F-1, F-2, J-1 or J-2 non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register or to continue enrollment at a university without demonstrating that he or she has adequate medical insurance coverage for illness or accidental injury. **All enrolled international students must maintain an approved medical insurance policy that meets the requirements of the State of Florida.** Florida Gulf Coast University offers an approved insurance policy for students. The insurance company determines the medical insurance fees annually. Information on medical insurance fees will be provided to new students prior to the start of classes at FGCU (via email, mail or on our website). To ensure students' compliance in meeting the medical insurance requirement, students will be automatically enrolled in the FGCU insurance plan and charges assessed to the student's account, payable at the university's Cashier's Office upon arrival to campus. Every student should be prepared to pay for this insurance at the university (personal check, money order or credit card).

Fee payment deadline (for this insurance and university tuition fees) is Friday, January 13th, 2012.

If you currently have medical insurance that you think may meet our requirements, you may request to waive automatic enrollment in the FGCU's medical insurance program. To do so you must provide evidence of comparable medical insurance **prior to December 1st 2011.** Please read the enclosed instruction on how to use the Medical Insurance Compliance Form. Remember that although you may have medical insurance, the university may only accept your insurance if it meets the minimums established by the State of Florida. (The enclosed Medical Insurance Compliance Form outlines the Florida minimum requirements). Many medical insurance programs from outside of the U.S. do not meet the Florida requirements. We advise you **not** to purchase medical insurance prior to arriving to FGCU unless we have approved it through the compliance process. It is your responsibility to submit proof of medical insurance **each semester** to International Services in order to allow you to register for classes. **[The spring/summer deadline is December 1, 2011.]** Failure to do so may result in holds being placed on your records and could lead to complications, including being dropped from university enrollment and violation of your immigration status. In order to insure your insurance will meet the requirements, submit it several weeks prior to the deadlines.

University Housing

Living on campus is convenient for students and allows them to be more fully involved in university life. Students interested in living in university housing must complete a housing application and pay a deposit with the application. Contact the Housing office at (239) 590-1700, or e-mail to housing@fgcu.edu or visit the website at <http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/housing/>. International students, who intend to live in university housing and will arrive to the university prior to that date to attend orientation, should contact the housing office. They will advise you of special housing arrangements for your early arrival—**if earlier than Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.**