



International Students Admitted to FGCU for Spring 2012

Congratulations on your acceptance to Florida Gulf Coast University! To prepare you to be a student, we encourage you to **read the enclosed Pre-Arrival Guide** for specific details on orientation, immigration and travel to the United States.

Arriving to the U.S.

Although classes start on **Monday, January 9, 2012**, **you should arrive in Ft. Myers, Florida, no later than Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012** to attend orientation. Students who fail to arrive at the university to attend these orientations may be deferred enrollment until the next semester. Your F-1 or J-1 visa allows you to enter the U.S. no more than 30 days prior to the start of classes. For those students who wish to live on campus, housing is available **Tuesday, January 3rd**.

Orientation

You must attend the **International Student Orientation** on **Wednesday, January 4th and Thursday, January 5th**, as well as the **University Eagle View Orientation (Only for F-1 Visa Undergraduate Students)** on **Friday, January 6th**. Please remember to submit the enclosed registration forms in advance for the University Eagle View Orientation directly to the Orientation Office. Please follow the instructions provided. You may register online at <https://itech.fgcu.edu/ES-secured/eagleview/> or e-mail **Ms. Tabitha Dawes** at TDawes@fgcu.edu to register you for the Special January 6th Eagle View Orientation Session). You must submit the \$35 Eagle View Orientation fee payment within 10 days of registering. Any questions about Eagle View Orientation should be directed to that office at (239) 590-7957. (**Special Notice to Transfer Students:** If you are currently in F-1 or J-1 Student Status and remaining in the U.S. until you enroll at Florida Gulf Coast University, you may attend the Eagle View Orientation prior to **January 6th** if you have met all requirements noted on the Eagle View Orientation Registration forms.) There is no need to register for the International Student Orientation, as you have automatically been registered.

Visa and Immigration

International students must present the enclosed I-20/DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility, admission letter, and financial support statement to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate Visa Office (for F-1 student visa application) and to U.S. Immigration officials when entering the U.S. If you are currently enrolled at a U.S. school and are transferring to FGCU, you do not need to leave the U.S. prior to attending FGCU. However, if you do leave the U.S., you must follow the procedure outlined above, which is described in detail in the Pre-Arrival Guide.

U.S. Immigration requires all new international students to report to our office when you enroll for classes by attending the International Orientation. You must also maintain contact with us while you are a student at the university and are responsible for complying with all terms of your non-immigrant status. We will provide this information at the orientation!

We look forward to having you enrolled at Florida Gulf Coast University. If you need any additional information, please contact our office at (239) 590-7925 or through e-mail at ehozdik@fgcu.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elaine Hozdik', written in a cursive style.

Director, International Services