



FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

## Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida Gulf Coast University is a young, vibrant school on the **grow!** Established in 1997, FGCU's enrollment topped 11,000 in 2009. The University offers a wide choice of study programs, sports and student involvement opportunities.

Florida Gulf Coast offers a broad spectrum of excellent academic programs: 52 undergraduate and 31 graduate. Well known for our high quality learning experience with easy access to professors, small classes and innovative educational programs, FGCU focuses on education for today's world.

- The Lutgert College of Business was featured in Princeton Review as part of this year's best Business Schools.
- Our Resort and Hospitality Management program is a premier training program with a Professional Golf Management program. The PGM is accredited by the Professional Golf Association (PGA); it is one of only 20 in the U.S. and two in Florida.
- FGCU's Nursing program prepares clinicians with a community partnered, learning-centered nursing curriculum.
- Sciences are strong at FGCU with studies in biology, chemistry, ecology, geology, marine science, environmental studies, meteorology, mathematics and physics.
- The U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering offers degrees in environmental engineering, bioengineering, computer science, and civil engineering.

The guiding principles of FGCU include diversity, informed and engaged citizens, collaborative learning, student success and technology. Students participate in community volunteer service. FGCU is built on 750 acres of protected wetland and is proud of its sustainable energy program. Our eco-friendly campus will soon include a 16 acre solar energy farm which will provide energy for the entire campus.

## Is FGCU right for YOU?

FGCU embraces a mixture of heritages on our campus with faculty and staff from the U.S. and the world. This diversity is mirrored in our student population; we host 125 international students each year with 76 countries represented historically since 1997.

- Smaller classes are the norm at the university resulting in a faculty not only intimately involved in your learning experience but also easily accessible.
- The faculty engage the students in research, use of technology, academic expertise, service learning and interdisciplinary studies.
- Academic Advisors assist you in determining which classes are best for you and your selected field of study.
- With nature walks on the FGCU campus, the park-like setting offers many places to enjoy the unique environment Florida offers.
- Campus housing is new and offers studio units to 4-units student apartments sharing a common kitchen and living area.
- International students have many opportunities to live with and learn from American students.

Combine all these with the wonderful southwest Florida weather and . . .

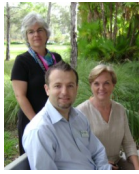
**FGCU is a great destination!**

## Application Process in Brief

- Application (<http://www.fgcu.edu/International/ProspectiveStudents.asp>)
- Financial support documentation
- Academic transcript/evaluation
- ACT or SAT scores  
(transferring student requirements may differ)
- TOEFL test scores
- FGCU will issue documentation for the student visa application

**International Services and You**

International Services provides pre-arrival information, new student orientation, immigration assistance, and information to help you succeed at FGCU and in the U.S.



Our dedicated and professional staff is here to help you!

Visit our website: [www.fgcu.edu/international](http://www.fgcu.edu/international)

**International Reception**

The annual reception introduces international students to FGCU and the local communities. It is one of the many popular on campus events involving international students.



**Student Work Opportunities**

International students may work up to 20 hours/week on campus. Assistance in finding a job is available through Career Development Services. Students work in offices, labs, the library, campus facilities and service areas.

Students in certain degree programs may be employed in internships off campus.

All students completing degree programs are eligible for professional work experience in the U.S. for varying time periods authorized by U.S. Immigration.

**Fort Myers and SW Florida**

Our campus is minutes from some of Florida's most beautiful beaches. Close by are several modern shopping malls featuring movie theatres, popular retail shops, restaurants and entertainment designations. A nearby arena offers sporting events, concerts and ice-skating. Visual and performing arts venues and a variety of festivals take place year round. Southwest Florida International Airport is just a short ride from your new home at Florida Gulf Coast University!

For more information: <http://www.fortmyers.org/>

**What our students say about FGCU**



Studying Computer Information Systems, **William Olivera** is from Campeche, Mexico. "The faculty and staff at FGCU is stellar. Everyone is friendly and there are a lot of things to do and activities." William works on campus using his computer skills and practicing what he's learned.

**Hadiza Gamatie** is from Niger studying Criminal Forensics and the availability of that program was a major consideration in her school selection. Hadiza says, "Small classes and quality teachers make FGCU an excellent choice. The weather's wonderful, too!"



From Shandong Province, China, **Yixuan ("Ellen") Xing** is a graduate student majoring in Accounting and Taxation. Academics are a high priority and "FGCU is my 2nd home in the US," says Ellen. She also attended FGCU for undergraduate studies.

**Anwar Patel** hails from Malawi in south-eastern Africa and came to FGCU to study Computer Sciences. He is combining his learning modalities and earning some spending money by working at the computer help desk while completing his program of studies. "FGCU is an excellent place for new experiences and I've enjoyed my entire time here," says Anwar.



**Danielle Beaubrun** joins FGCU from St. Lucia in the Caribbean. A Liberal Arts major, she is the youngest member of the FCCU swim team and competed in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Dani says, "I love it here . . . I'm happy with my choice."



**Websites for more information**

<http://www.fgcu.edu>

<http://www.fgcu.edu/CampusLife.asp>

<http://www.fgcu.edu/AS/FinancialAid/scholarships-fgcu.html>

<http://www.fgcu.edu/International/Information/FinancialAidandScholarships.pdf>



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