

Each institution has its own, unique language. Please use the resource below to help you navigate and communicate with the FGCU community.

Glossary of FGCU Acronyms

APDR: *Annual Professional Development Report. Full-time Faculty*.....Annual report of your accomplishments and ways in which you achieved the goals you set on your PDP (Professional Development Plan). Report submitted to chairs by March 31 of each Academic Year (AY).

CAA: *Center for Academic Achievement.* A student support office offering tutoring and counseling.

Canvas: Learning Management System used at FGCU. (www.fgcu.edu › [canvas](#))

CAPS: *Counseling and Psychological Services.* Main source of mental health support and psycho-therapeutic services on campus.

CBA: *Collective Bargaining Agreement. (Full-time Faculty)*

Cohen Student Union: Lively hub of FGCU campus life. Restaurants, bookstore, meeting rooms are in this central campus location.

Course Delivery Modalities: <https://www.fgcu.edu/recordsandregistration/coursedelivery>.

Traditional/Face to Face: Taught in classrooms on campus using social distancing and face masks. Classroom designations and course schedules can be found on Gulfline

Online: Instruction is delivered asynchronously usually using Canvas. No class meetings occur.

Synchronous Online (SYNC): This modality uses one of the virtual meeting tools to meet online. No classroom is assigned. Meeting dates and times can be found on Gulfline.

Hybrid (HYBR): A combination of required scheduled on-campus meetings as listed in Gulfline and online instruction using Canvas, or one of the virtual conferencing tools. Some instruction occurs on-campus in the classroom with social distancing and masks as listed on Gulfline and some instruction will be delivered online either asynchronously or synchronously.

BlendFlex (BFLX): Classes where instructors and students meet on-campus with social distancing at regularly scheduled times as listed on Gulfline. Instructors can assign students into groups that rotate between on-campus meetings and online synchronous meetings. Due to health concerns, some students in these classes will always be online. Specific groups and meeting information will be provided on the course syllabus. Live instruction

happens with some students attending on-campus and other students attending using one of the virtual platforms.

Department of Digital Learning: Home of the Instructional Designers and a plethora of professional development opportunities. <https://www.fgcu.edu/digitallearning>

ETI: *Emergent Technologies Institute.* Off campus research complex designed to support educational initiatives.

FERPA: *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* of 1974. Regulates who has access to a student's educational records.

(<https://www.fgcu.edu/recordsandregistration/guidelines/ferpa/>)

FLC: *Faculty Learning Community.* Check the Lucas Center Website for a list of ongoing FLCs or consult with the *Lucas Center* Staff if you wish to develop a new FLC.

FPED: *Faculty Performance Evaluation Document.* Provides common criteria, guidelines and procedures for performance evaluation and promotion of **Full-time Faculty**.

https://www.fgcu.edu/facultysenate/files/FPED_proposed_revisions_FAT_tracked_4.12.2021.pdf

Gulfline: Website where you access your teaching schedule, course schedule, enter final grades. (<https://www.fgcu.edu/gulfline/>)

HUB: One on one or small group tutoring lab located on the second floor of the library. Students schedule sessions through the CAA.

ITS: Information Technology Services: <https://www.fgcu.edu/its/> (ext. 1188)

Minimum Technology Requirements for Students

MLDC: *Multi-cultural Leadership Development Center:* Center and Program designed to educate, challenge and support students in leadership development and appreciating diversity.

ORSP/ORGS: *Office of Research and Sponsored Programs/Office of Graduate Studies.* The FGCU Office of Research & Sponsored Programs reviews and submits research, training, and community service proposals, and accepts externally funded awards on behalf of the university. The office also negotiates contracts and sub-awards, oversees awards, and coordinates the university's research compliance committees and export controls program.

PDP: *Professional Development Plan.* **Full-time Faculty**.....Documents professional goals, activities, and objectives. Created in collaboration with your chair and submitted by Sept. 7 each academic year. Consult the **FPED** for specific information.

PIP: *Professional Improvement Plan.* Consult **FPED** for specific information.

PRC: *Peer Review Committee.* Each college provides a Peer Review Committee to guide, support, review the professional growth of each faculty member. Consult with your chair to determine who your committee members are.

Protect the Nest: Website where Covid 19 updates, information concerning policies related to Covid-19, and information about vaccines. (<https://www.fgcu.edu/coronaupdate/>)

QEP: *Quality Enhancement Plan.* Required plan for all SACCS institutions that targets areas of growth that meet the unique needs of their student bodies.

SACCS: *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.* A regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. FGCU is a SACCS institution and meets the high standards set by this body.

SFPP: *Student Faculty Partnership Program.* A professional development program developed and supported by the Lucas Center. Contact Dr. Reynolds or Dr. Greene for specific information or visit the Lucas Center Website.

SoVi: *South Village.* Primarily home for freshmen, **SoVi** has programming designed to help new students experience a successful transition into college. **SoVi** is also home to **SoVi** dining a unique college dining experience; plan on visiting the dining facility and taking advantage of its diverse menu options.

SPol: *Student Perception of Instruction.* **SPol** is FGCU's unique approach to student feedback. The process was developed by FGCU faculty members to capture our students' perception of the instruction they receive. This is a formative process that faculty can use to improve their teaching, target areas for improvement and areas of strength. Contact the Lucas Center for detailed information on how to use the **SPol** or attend one of our **SPol** Conversations.

TRiO: , A Federal TRIO Program is an educational opportunity outreach program designed to motivate and support college students from disadvantaged backgrounds. It provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. **TRiO** is part of our Student Support System.

UFF: *United Faculty of Florida.* United Faculty of Florida (UFF) is the union organization for higher education faculty and professionals in Florida. It represents the collective voice of faculty members at each institution of higher education.

Workday: Virtual management system for HR information and a plethora of other processes you will use. (<https://www.fgcu.edu/workday/>)