



FIU

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Florida International University is Miami-Dade County's first public, four-year university. Our powerful record of innovation and research continues to improve the quality of life in our communities.

HISTORY AND GROWTH:

FIU opened for classes in 1972 with 5,667 students - the largest opening day enrollment in U.S. collegiate history. Today it has more than 38,000 students, almost 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 117,500 alumni, making it the largest university in South Florida. The University offers more than 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in 22 colleges and schools.

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS:

College of Architecture and the Arts	Honors College
School of Architecture	School of Journalism and Mass Communication
School of Art and Art History	College of Law
School of Theatre, Dance, and Speech Communication	College of Medicine*
School of Music	College of Nursing and Health Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences	College of Social Work, Justice, and Public Affairs
College of Business Administration	School of Social Work
School of Accounting	School of Criminal Justice
College of Education	School of Public Administration
College of Engineering and Computing	School of Hospitality and Tourism Management
School of Computing and Information Sciences	Stempel School of Public Health

*John A. Rock, M.D., has been appointed founding dean of the College of Medicine and Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs. Dr. Rock is the former director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

FACULTY:

Ninety-five percent of the University's full-time faculty hold doctorates or the highest degree attainable in their field.

RESEARCH:

FIU emphasizes research as a major component of its mission. Sponsored research funding (grants and contracts) from external sources for the year 2005-2006 totaled \$92 million. The University is ranked as a Research University in the High Research Activity category of the Carnegie Foundation's prestigious classification system.

ALUMNI:

With more than 117,500 alumni, Golden Panthers constitute the fastest growing university alumni group in Miami-Dade County. FIU confers approximately half of all degrees now awarded by universities in Miami-Dade County.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION:

FIU is the youngest university to have been awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most distinguished academic honor society. FIU recently ranked among the best values in public higher education in the country, according to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's 2006 survey, "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." FIU ranked among the top 50 nationally for in-state students and among the top 100 nationally for out-of-state and international students.

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FIU recently ranked 3rd in granting bachelors degrees to minorities and 9th in granting masters degrees to minorities (among the top 100 degree producing colleges and universities), according to *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, June 1, 2006.

FIU's College of Law led all universities in the state with the highest pass rate of 94.4% on the 2007 Statewide Florida Bar Examination. The second highest pass rate belonged to Florida State University with 88.2%.

U.S. News & World Report ranks FIU's undergraduate international business programs 7th in the nation and their graduate programs among the top 20. The university has also been named one of the "10 Cool Colleges for Entrepreneurs" by *Fortune Small Business* magazine. Our Executive MBA program was recently ranked #1 in Florida by the *Financial Times*.

The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is one of the nation's top programs. Other acclaimed programs include Creative Writing and Marine Biology.

ATHLETICS:

FIU's intercollegiate athletic teams compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, the nation's most competitive college sports division, the Sun Belt Conference and Conference USA. Seventeen sports programs are offered, including football (Division I-A), basketball, track and cross-country, soccer, volleyball, softball and baseball.

BUDGET & ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The University's 2006 operating budget was \$586 million. FIU has more than 4,800 employees. The University has an economic impact of more than \$1.7 billion on the South Florida economy.

ARTS & CULTURE:

In recent years, FIU has emerged as one of South Florida's major cultural assets, offering programs to both students and the local community. Several of its programs are nationally renowned for their excellence.

The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum will celebrate the grand opening of its new facility on the University Park campus in 2008.

The Wolfsonian-FIU museum, located in Miami Beach, promotes the collection, preservation and understanding of decorative art and design from the period 1885-1945.

The School of Theatre and Dance produces a wide variety of live student performances, and The School of Music presents an annual fall series of concerts that showcase talent in a variety of genres. The festival features FIU musicians as well as distinguished visiting performers.

Under the direction of the Creative Writing Program, the Writers on the Bay lecture series presents noted authors and poets.

The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management helps present the annual South Beach Wine & Food Festival, one of the major culinary events in the nation.

CAMPUSES:

FIU has two campuses, the 344-acre University Park campus in western Miami-Dade County, and the 200-acre Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County. The University also has an academic site in Broward County, FIU Broward-Pines Center in Pembroke Pines.

A major research facility, the 40-acre Engineering Center is located near the University Park campus. The Downtown Center, located in downtown Miami, offers graduate level business courses for busy professionals.