

Division of University Outreach

The mission of University Outreach is to develop and implement quality educational programs and services in partnership with the academic, business and professional communities. The instructional and academic resources of Florida International University are extended through innovative approaches including distance learning, alternative scheduling, and community based academic credit and non-credit programs. Our state-of-the-art technological capabilities offer a high-quality learning environment through the Florida International University Conference Center or at a customer's location. Our professional and courteous team is dedicated to the highest standards of customer satisfaction. Local state, national and international communities are served with consistent, cost-effective, high-quality, and distinctive programs and services

To achieve its goal, University Outreach is organized into four major operational units: University Outreach Programs, University Conference Center/Services, Business Office and Marketing Services. University Outreach Programs include credit and non-credit courses geared to professional development and personal enhancement objectives of the learner. The credit program anchors for University Outreach include:

- Weekend Degree Programs
- Sponsored Credit Institutes
- Dual Enrollment
- Study Travel/Programs
- Distance Learning Initiatives
- Community-Based Programs
- Executive Degree Programs

Credit programs are complemented with an array of non-credit courses including computer training, travel/tourism, legal studies, and various programs through University Training and Development. These programs enable individuals to develop the needed competencies to gain entry into a profession, advance in their career, or keep up-to-date in their professional area. In addition, training is provided to public and private agencies as part of their staff development program.

The University Conference Center has 28,000 square feet of meeting space to accommodate 1,100 persons on any given day, and provides a tranquil learning environment for adult learners, close to the cultural assets and conveniences offered by a major metropolitan area and international community. It features the latest technology supported by meeting planners and technical staff to accommodate requirements of diverse client groups.

In addition to facilities and associated services provided at the Conference Center, the Outreach Division provides a full array of conference and meeting planning services. Conference services include program planning, coordination of bid presentations, logistics and on-site coordination, program support services and oversight for all conference/meeting finance and accounting within University and State guidelines.

1995-96 Enrollment

Term FTE			
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
Summer 1995	148	164	312
Fall 1995	229	126	355
Spring 1996	392	172	564
Total	769	462	1,231

1996-97 Enrollment

Term FTE			
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
Summer 1996	1,625	1,390	3,015
Fall 1996	2,326	875	3,201
Spring 1997	1,239	831	2,070
Total	5,190	3,096	8,286

Summary

	1994-95	1996-97	1997-98
Sponsored Credit Institutes	177	156	166
Study/Travel Abroad	176	252	310
Distant Learning	997	212	2694

Academic Units, University Centers and Institutes sponsor conferences, workshops and seminar in specific areas of academic expertise. The Division records and reports all these activities using the Continuing Education Unit (one CEU = 10 hours of instruction) as a measure of institutional productivity. A permanent CEU record is maintained for individual students in approved programs.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Generated

	CEUs	Participants
1993/94	13,358	8,646
1994/95	15,868	8,820
1995/96	23,841	7,786
1996/97	16,153	8,196
1997/98	23,841	17,922