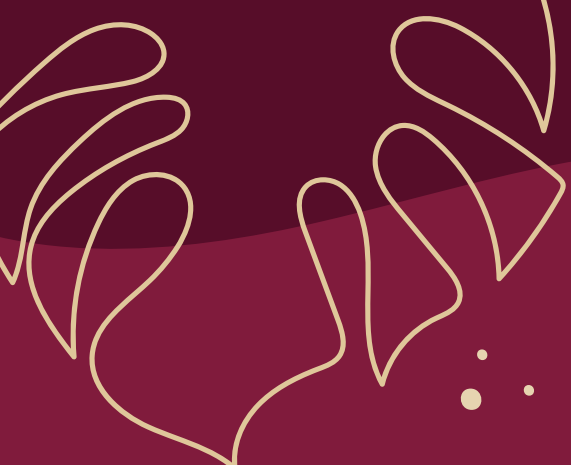




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**DIVISION OF
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Abbreviations

ACE - Academic Center for Excellence

Get tutoring for challenging courses or improve your time management and study strategies with workshops. Located in both the William Johnston Building and the Strozier Library, students can check out study rooms or use computers.

AF - Advising First

Part of the Division of Undergraduate studies, Advising First strategically places professional academic advisors within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU. College Life Coaches support students, and those interested in exploring majors can speak with an Exploratory advisor.

AT - Academic Trainer

A current FSU student who helps residential students succeed socially and academically. They work as a peer educator in Academic Resource Centers to help students with study skills, study schedules and resource referrals.

ASLC - Askew Student Life Cinema

This student life center features a movie theater, Garnet Gaming Lounge, coffee shop, cyber cafe, video/board games and houses Counseling and Psychological Services and University Housing.

CAPS - Counseling & Psychological Services

Located on the 2nd floor of the Askew Student Life Center, CAPS has licensed and professionally-trained staff that offer counseling services to current FSU students.

CARE - Center for Academic Retention & Enhancement

Provides preparation, orientation and academic support programming for first-generation students and those who may face unique challenges in college because of educational or economic circumstances.

CHAW - Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness

A department within University Health Services that educates students on healthy lifestyle decisions to facilitate academic success, life-long health and well-being.

CLS - Center for Leadership and Service

Located in the Dunlap Success Center, CLS provides students with programs and experiences to promote leadership development and community engagement.

CRE - Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement

An initiative to involve undergraduate FSU students in the highest levels of academic engagement by helping them take advantage of the resources FSU has for research. The CRE facilitates research projects with community-based organizations, involves undergraduates in research and scholarship, and showcases the work of student researchers through symposia and publications.

DA—Desk Assistant

A current FSU student who works at the front desks in the residence halls to maintain safety, security and community.

DSA - Division of Student Affairs

A variety of departments that provide co-curricular activities for students, typically outside of the classroom, to support student development and leadership.

DSC - Dunlap Success Center

Houses the Career Center and the Center for Leadership and Service and offers resources to enhance employability skills.

DSST - Department of Student Support & Transitions

Supports and connects students in crisis or those unsure of next steps, and helps them navigate their academic and personal journeys.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

An online application designed to determine eligibility for student financial aid.

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

A federal law that protects the privacy of students' educational records by guarding against the release of their records without their consent.

FFTP - Food for Thought Pantry

As an office of the Department of Student Support & Transitions, the Food for Thought Pantry supports student success by distributing free food to currently enrolled FSU students experiencing food insecurity.

FIG - Freshman Interest Group

Cohort-based learning communities where students are enrolled in a cluster of courses centered around a shared academic interest with a small peer-supported colloquium course.

FMC - Fitness & Movement Clinic

Campus Recreation's satellite facility is located inside the University's Health & Wellness Center. The FMC offers more than 12,000 square feet of space for strength and cardio training and also encompasses a private studio for small group training classes and space for fitness assessments and consultation.

FSL - Fraternity & Sorority Life

FSU has over 50 chapters of social fraternities and sororities. These value-based organizations focus on promoting leadership, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood and service.

FSUPD - Florida State University Police Department

A force of sworn, fully accredited officers charged with keeping campus safe. They operate 24/7 throughout the year. FSUPD is located on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson. To reach FSUPD, dial 911 for an emergency. Call (850) 644-1234 for a non-emergency.

FTIC - First Time in College

Refers to an incoming student who has not attended college (a first-year student).

FWS - Federal Work Study

A need-based program that provides students with valuable work experience and the opportunity to earn money to help meet their educational and personal expenses while enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.

GPS - Graduation Planning & Strategies Office

Provides programming and academic support for undergraduate students with high credit hours and other general advising needs to promote long-term planning and support student-driven goals for graduation and beyond.

HITM - Honors in the Major

Allows qualifying juniors and seniors from any academic discipline the opportunity to engage in graduate level research, either with an original thesis or creative research project, under faculty supervision. Students who complete the HITM program earn an honors distinction in their major.

IM - Intramural Sports

On-campus recreational sports leagues and events offered each term through Campus Recreation.

IP - International Programs

Provides study abroad opportunities related to academic discipline or personal interest.

IRHC - Inter-Residence Hall Council

A bureau of the Student Government Association and an affiliate of University Housing that establishes and governs Hall Councils and coordinates programs and activities for the enhancement of student life on-campus.

LA - Learning Assistants

Current undergraduates who have successfully completed a course and are selected by faculty to work with them in the classroom, helping students engage with course material for better understanding.

LDT - Lower Division Transfer

A student who is transferring from another institution with fewer than 60 credit hours completed.

Abbreviations

LIFT - Living Intentionally Finding Togetherness

A collegiate recovery program whose mission is to support students interested in recovery from addiction and substance misuse and help them thrive during their college experience.

LLC - Living-Learning Community

Residential programs that bring together students with shared academic interests or identities to live and learn in a supportive, themed environment. LLCs integrate academic coursework, faculty interaction and co-curricular activities to enhance student engagement and success.

NSFP - New Student & Family Programs

This department runs Orientation and other programming to provide first-year students and their families a positive, informative and meaningful transition to FSU.

NPHC - National Pan-Hellenic Council

A council consisting of six predominantly African-American fraternities and sororities committed to scholarship, community service and cultural enrichment. NPHC creates and maintains high standards in the life of fraternities and sororities.

OAS - Office of Accessibility Services

A resource on campus where students can get assistance and classroom accommodations if they have a disability.

OL - Orientation Leader

A leader on campus who serves as a mentor to incoming students during Orientation and beyond.

ONF - Office of National Fellowship

Located in the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House, ONF provides information and support throughout the fellowship application process for students to pursue fellowships for engaged learning, international experiences, research and more.

OP - Outdoor Pursuits

Outdoor trip program through Campus Recreation that offers both free and paid trips locally, as well as in- and out-of-state. Transportation, equipment and adventure is all included at free or reduced cost rates based on the trip.

RA - Resident Assistant

A current FSU student who lives and works within the residence hall. RAs coordinate activities, inform students about university norms and expectations, serve as a resource for students, and help build a community atmosphere, while enforcing community standards and university policies.

RSO - Registered Student Organization

The name of all student clubs/groups on campus. Students can get involved with over 700 religious, service, professional, cultural, Greek or governing organizations.

SAA - Student Alumni Association

An organization that connects current students with FSU alumni.

SAI - Student Agencies and Involvement

Staff advisors who support students in agency leader positions, and advises the seven identity-based Agencies, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Councils, and Institutes.

SCCS - Student Conduct & Community Standards

Educates students on the Student Conduct Code, community behavioral standards, and the rights and responsibilities of the FSU community.

SGA - Student Government Association

The governing body of students at FSU providing students with a voice on campus and allocating funds for university programs and services.

SOI - Student Organizations & Involvement

An office on campus dedicated to helping students get involved and find information on specific student organizations.

SSB - Student Services Building

Home to the Office of Accessibility Services, the Den and reservable meeting space on campus.

TA - Teaching Assistant

Graduate students who assist faculty with classroom activities, instruction and sometimes grading.

UCA - University Center A

Home to the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Department of Student Support & Transitions, Student Business Services, International Programs, College of Motion Picture Arts, Admissions, Office of Undergraduate Studies, etc.

UCB - University Center B

Home to the Visitor Center, FSU Champions Club and the Dedman College of Hospitality. A campus tour can be arranged with the Visitor Center.

UCC - University Center C

Home to the FSU Testing Center, the College of Communication and Information and the College of Social Work.

UCD - University Center D

Home to the Moore Athletic Center and Seminole Productions.

UDT - Upper Division Transfer

A student who is transferring from another institution and has 60 or more hours completed.

UGS - Undergraduate Studies

The Division of Undergraduate Studies offers academic support and engagement programs, works to help students develop sound academic preparation for their major field of study and serves as the academic dean for most students before they are formally admitted into their majors.

UHS - University Health Services

Currently enrolled FSU students can access general health medical care from licensed and professionally trained staff.

UROP - Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

A research experience program designed for first- and second-year undergraduates and recent transfer students. The program connects students with a sustained research assistantship and Research Mentor.

VAP - Victim Advocate Program

Provides confidential emotional support services, referrals, crisis intervention and assistance for students who have been a victim of a crime.



Terminology



Advising First

Part of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, Advising First strategically places professional academic advisors and success coaches within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU.

Ask a Nole

A program designed to help students navigate their way on campus the first two days of classes.

Assistant Coordinators/Hall Directors

Full-time graduate students pursuing academic work who also live and work in the residence halls. These graduate students assist the Residence Coordinator in all areas of hall management, community development, student group advising and staff supervision.

Build Your Foundation

A required course for first-time at FSU students that is an introduction to career development and planning.

Campus Connect

Students use Campus Connect to schedule advising or tutoring appointments as well as access reports or notes from advising meetings.

Canvas

A virtual learning environment and course management system used by FSU students.

Case Manager

Works with individuals to provide emotional support, advocacy and to identify immediate needs, making appropriate referrals to campus and community resources.

Chart Your Course

A first year seminar course, SLS 2206, that helps incoming students transition to life in college. Topics include time management, getting involved, academic success, setting goals and more. With the assistance of a Peer Navigator, a current undergraduate, students have the opportunity to learn and excel both inside and outside of the classroom.

CoreFSU

Oversees the university's modern approach to liberal studies. CoreFSU offers hundreds of courses in a wide variety of fields so students can build their own FSU experience. The tenets of CoreFSU are: communicate, analyze, reason and engage. Using these principles, CoreFSU is a well-rounded curriculum that supports all academic paths.

Course Registration

The process of signing up for classes. Students are assigned an Enrollment Appointment (registration window) based on how many credit hours they have completed. Students should register for classes as soon as their enrollment appointment begins.

Delegated Access

Students can provision third-party or parental access, which grants delegates an access pin to enter the student's myFSU account and review student information.

Dining Dollars

Campus dining dollars (dollar-for-dollar) that are included with most meal plans that can be used at any dining location. Any unused Dining Dollars will roll over each semester until graduation or separation from the university. These funds are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Drop/Add

A period when students can adjust their class schedules. Drop/add typically runs the Saturday before classes start through the first four days of classes. Students are financially liable for all courses appearing on their schedule after the fourth day of classes.

EMPLID

A unique, nine-digit number issued to all students that is used when applying for campus jobs and required on many forms.

Engage 100

Engage 100 is a collection of courses designed to help first-year students transition to FSU. Through small 0- or 1-hour credit courses, students meet others with similar interests, explore engagement opportunities and connect with an experienced FSU peer mentor.

Excess Credit

A law that requires universities to add a surcharge to every credit hour taken in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the pursued degree.

Family Connection e-Newsletter

A digital publication that aims at keeping FSU family members in the loop with on-campus events and resources.

FSUCard

A required form of identification for FSU students and staff that allows access to campus buildings and virtual services.

FSUCash

A form of payment for on-campus services such as laundry, printing, copying, etc. FSU Cash is loaded onto the FSUcard with dollar-for-dollar value.

FSU HQ

A platform for student involvement where students can explore registered student organizations, pathways and badging opportunities.

FSUID

Your unique username to log into FSU online technologies. The initials/number part of your FSU email address.

Garnet Gaming Lounge

Also known as GGL, Garnet Gaming Lounge is a premium gaming space featuring game consoles, gaming computers and a tabletop gaming area. It serves as the home of the FSU Esports team.

FSView

Florida State's student-run school newspaper. FSView keeps students updated on events that are occurring on campus, as well as the surrounding area.

Hello FSU!

An awareness campaign that spotlights tips and events designed to help students engage and succeed at FSU.

Hold

Primarily used to guide students through important educational processes or required actions. A "hold" may restrict you from registering for classes until you complete a task. A "note" does not block course registration.

Landis Green

The large green space in front of Landis Hall.

Langford Green

The large green space in front of Doak Campbell Stadium.

Main Campus Fields

Officially known as the Main Campus Fields (and previously known as the "Old IM Fields"), this area is between Doak Campbell Stadium and Collegetown district and is available to students for sports and recreational activities year-round.

Market Wednesday

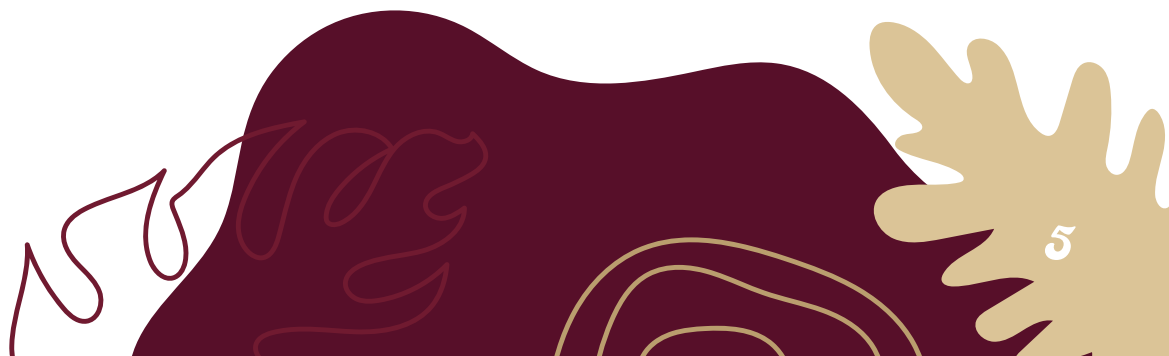
An event highlighting registered student organizations, market vendors, and fraternities and sororities that occurs every Wednesday of the semester.

Meal Swipes

Part of a meal plan that gives access to FSU's all-you-care-to-eat dining halls.

MyFSU

The online "portal" for all student resources. The myFSU portal connects students to Canvas, their myFSU email account, student financials, academic resources, health resources, campus life, etc.



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Night Staff

Students who are responsible for maintaining safety and security in the residence halls between the hours of 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. They address safety and security concerns, as well as policy issues, and assist hall staff in times of emergency.

Nite Nole

An evening bus route that runs throughout campus and the surrounding Tallahassee area Monday-Saturday from 8 p.m. - 3 a.m. SAFE Rides are also available using the FSU SAFE Ride app.

Nole Network

The Career Center's system for linking students and alumni directly with hiring employers and Career Center programs. Students can schedule mock interviews with staff to hone their skills, view and apply for a variety of jobs and sign up for on-campus and virtual interviews with employers.

NPHC Park: National Pan-Hellenic Council Park

Located between the Student Union and Legacy Walk, the park honors the nine historically African American/Black Fraternities and Sororities that fall under the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Residence Coordinator

A full-time, professional live-in staff member responsible for the overall operations in the hall or complex.

Seminole Express

A free bus and paratransit system that serves FSU students, faculty and staff.

Seminole Café

A dining hall located on the west side of campus.

Seminole Creed

A group of eight tenets or guiding principles FSU students should live by—truthfulness, respect, excellence, freedom of speech and inquiry, diversity, justice, citizenship and discovery.

Seminole Dining/Aramark

The food service provider for FSU.

SeminoleSAFE/FSU Alert

FSU's emergency notification system that sends out alerts whenever hazardous conditions arise on campus. Students can designate through their MyFSU accounts how they want to be notified.

Stellic

A collaborative academic planning tool that students and advisors use to plan future schedules using degree requirements. It allows students to monitor their progress, explore available options and register for courses.

Student Agencies

Identity-based organizations on campus that are part of the Student Government Association. Agencies include the Black Student Union (BSU), the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, the Women Student Union, the Jewish Student Union, the Asian American Student Union, Pride Student Union, and the Veterans Student Union.

Student Central

A web-based student information system where students can register for classes, pay their tuition, and access information from Admissions, Financial Aid, etc.



Strozier/Stroz/Club Stroz

The main library on campus. Strozier Library gets the nickname "Club Stroz" during finals because students spend all night there studying. Study rooms are located inside for students to [reserve](#).

Suwannee Room

A dining hall located on the east side of campus.

Take15

A university-wide campaign encouraging undergraduate students to take about 15 credit hours each semester. FSU research shows that students who take a 15-hour course load, compared to those who take just 12 hours, tend to have higher GPAs and graduate faster.

The Center

Center for Leadership and Service provides resources and opportunities for leadership education, identity development and community engagement.

The Globe

Global and Multicultural Engagement Building which houses the Center for Global Engagement, Fraternity and Sorority Life and DSA MarComm.

The Leach

FSU's largest campus recreation facility is named the Dr. Bobby E. Leach Student Recreation Center and is a 120,000-square-foot facility where students will find cardio and strength equipment, an indoor track and courts, as well as a pool and spa.

University Center

Also considered the football stadium, the University Center is broken up into four sections (A, B, C, D), housing different departments and organizations.

Welcome FSU

A series of events during the first two weeks of classes each semester to help students get acclimated to FSU.

Work Study

The Federal Work Study program allows students who show financial need to work on campus to assist with paying educational expenses.



Resources

Starting at State Modules
newnole.orientation.fsu.edu

Financial Aid
financialaid.fsu.edu

Health Compliance
studentinsurance.fsu.edu

Parking & Transportation Services
transportation.fsu.edu

Students First Information Central
studentsfirst.fsu.edu

The Career Center
career.fsu.edu

Tutoring Resources
tutoring.fsu.edu

University Advising
advising.fsu.edu

University Housing
housing.fsu.edu

Office of Admissions
admissions.fsu.edu

HELLO FSU!

Hello FSU! is a campaign designed to inform students of the events, activities, programs, services and resources available to them at FSU. The campaign is implemented across numerous platforms, including social media, email journeys, digital display screens across campus and websites





SPOTLIGHT FSU

Features programs, services, events and people around campus.



SUCCESS TIPS

Identifies resources and tips for succeeding in and out of the classroom.



HOW TO FSU

Provides instructions, guides or other help to navigate campus processes.



ICYMI (*In Case You Missed It*)

Serves as an extra reminder for upcoming events, deadlines or other important actions.



ALWAYS ON

Students can find plenty of things to do every day of the week.



READY FOR

Tips on how to prep for a variety of FSU experiences.

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