

= Florida State University =

The Florida State University (commonly referred to as Florida State or FSU) is an American public space @-@ grant and sea @-@ grant research university. Its primary campus is located on a 1 @, @ 391 @. @ 54 @-@ acre (5 @. @ 631 km²) campus in Tallahassee, Florida, United States. It is a senior member of the State University System of Florida. Founded in 1851, it is located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in the state of Florida.

The University is classified as a Research University with Very High Research by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The university comprises 16 separate colleges and more than 110 centers, facilities, labs and institutes that offer more than 360 programs of study, including professional school programs. The university has an annual budget of over \$ 1 @. @ 7 billion. Florida State is home to Florida's only National Laboratory ? the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory and is the birthplace of the commercially viable anti @-@ cancer drug Taxol. Florida State University also operates The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art, the State Art Museum of Florida and one of the largest museum / university complexes in the nation.

The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Florida State University is home to nationally ranked programs in many academic areas, including law, business, engineering, medicine, social policy, film, music, theater, dance, visual art, political science, psychology, social work, and the sciences. Florida State University leads Florida in four of eight areas of external funding for the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

FSU officially launched the "Raise the Torch: The Campaign for Florida State" on October 17, 2014. The campaign has a fundraising goal of more than \$ 1 billion which will improve academics, research, and the overall student experience. As of May 31, 2016, Florida State University's "Raise the Torch" campaign has raised \$ 916 @, @ 925 @, @ 076.

in 2016, U.S. News & World Report ranked Florida State as the 43rd best public university in the United States. Florida Governor Rick Scott and the state legislature designated Florida State University as one of two "preeminent" state universities in the spring of 2013 among the twelve universities of the State University System of Florida.

FSU's intercollegiate sports teams, commonly known by their "Florida State Seminoles" nickname, compete in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I and the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). In their 113 @-@ year history, Florida State's varsity sports teams have won 20 national athletic championships and Seminole athletes have won 78 individual NCAA national championships.

= = History = =

In 1819 the Florida Territory was ceded to the United States by Spain as an element of the Adams ? Onís Treaty. The Territory was conventionally split by the Appalachicola or later the Suwannee rivers into East and West areas. Florida State University is traceable to a plan set by the 1823 U.S. Congress to create a system of higher education. The 1838 Florida Constitution codified the basic system by providing for land allocated for the schools. In 1845 Florida became the 27th State of the United States, which permitted the resources and intent of the 1823 Congress regarding education in Florida to be implemented. In 1851 the Florida Legislature voted to establish two seminaries of higher education on opposite sides of the Suwannee River. Francis W. Eppes and other city leaders established an all @-@ male academy called the Florida Institute in Tallahassee as a legislative inducement to locate the West Florida Seminary in Tallahassee. The East Florida Seminary opened in Ocala in 1853, closed in 1861, and reopened in Gainesville in 1866. The East Florida Seminary is the institution to which the modern University of Florida traces its foundation.

In 1856, the land and buildings in an area formerly known as Gallows Hill, site of public executions in early Tallahassee, where the Florida Institute was built, was accepted as the site of the state seminary for male students. Two years later the institution absorbed the Tallahassee Female Academy founded in 1843 as the Misses Bates School and became coeducational. The West

Florida Seminary stood near the front of the Westcott Building on the existing FSU campus , making this site the oldest continually used location of higher learning in Florida .

= = = Student soldiers = = =

In 1860 ? 61 the legislature started formal military training at the school with a law amending the original 1851 statute . During the Civil War , the seminary became The Florida Military and Collegiate Institute . Enrollment at the school increased to around 250 students with the school establishing itself as perhaps the largest and most respected educational institution in the state . Cadets from the school defeated Union forces at the Battle of Natural Bridge in 1865 , leaving Tallahassee as the only Confederate capital east of the Mississippi River not to fall to Union forces . The students were trained by Valentine Mason Johnson , a graduate of Virginia Military Institute , who was a professor of mathematics and the chief administrator of the college . After the fall of the Confederacy , campus buildings were occupied by Union military forces for approximately four months and the West Florida Seminary reverted to its former academic purpose . In recognition of the cadets , and their pivotal role in the battle , the Florida State University Army ROTC cadet corps displays a battle streamer bearing the words " NATURAL BRIDGE 1865 " with its flag . The FSU Army ROTC is one of only four collegiate military units in the United States with permission to display such a pennant .

= = = First state university = = =

In February 1883 the West Florida Seminary became part of Florida University , the first state university in Florida . Under the new university charter , the seminary became the institution 's Literary College , and was to contain several " schools " or departments in different disciplines . However , in the new university association the seminary 's " separate Charter and special organization " were maintained . Florida University also incorporated the Tallahassee College of Medicine and Surgery , and recognized three more colleges to be established at a later date . The Florida Legislature recognized the university under the title " University of Florida " in Spring 1885 , but committed no additional financing or support . Without legislative support , the university project struggled . The institution never assumed the " university " title , and the association dissolved when the medical college relocated to Jacksonville later that year . However , the act recognizing the Tallahassee institution as the " University of Florida " was not repealed until 1903 , when the title was transferred to what had been the Florida Agricultural College .

However , the West Florida Seminary , as it was still generally called , continued to expand and thrive . It shifted its focus towards modern @-@ style post @-@ secondary education , awarding " Licentiates of Instruction " , its first diplomas , in 1884 , and awarding Bachelor of Arts degrees in 1891 . It had become Florida 's first liberal arts college by 1897 , and in 1901 it was reorganized into the Florida State College with four departments (the College , the College Academy , the School for Teachers and the School of Music) .

= = = College for women (1905 ? 1947) = = =

The 1905 Buckman Act , named after Henry Holland Buckman , reorganized the Florida college system into a school for white males (University of the State of Florida) , a school for white females (Florida Female College later changed to Florida State College for Women) , and a school for African Americans (Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes) . The Buckman Act was controversial , as it changed the character of a historic coeducational state school into a school for women . An early and major benefactor of the school , James Westcott , Jr . (1839 ? 1887) , willed substantial monies to the school to support continued operations . In 1911 his estate sued the state educational board contending the estate was not intended to support a single @-@ sex school . The Florida Supreme Court decided the issue in favor of the State of Florida stating the change in character (existing from 1905 to 1947) was within the intent of the Westcott will . By 1933 the

Florida State College for Women had grown to be the third largest women 's college in the United States and was the first state women 's college in the South to be awarded a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa , as well as the first university in Florida so honored . Florida State was the largest of the original two universities in Florida , even during the period as the college for women until 1919 .

Returning soldiers using the G.I. Bill after World War II stressed the state university system to the point that a Tallahassee Branch of the University of Florida (TBUF) was opened on the campus of the Florida State College for Women with the men housed in barracks on nearby Dale Mabry Field . By 1947 the Florida Legislature returned the FSCW to coeducational status and designated it the Florida State University . The FSU West Campus land and barracks plus other areas continually used as an airport later became the location of the Tallahassee Community College . The post @-@ war years brought substantial growth and development to the university as many departments and colleges were added including Business , Journalism (discontinued in 1959) , Library Science , Nursing and Social Welfare . Strozier Library , Tully Gymnasium and the original parts of the Business building were also built at this time .

= = = Student activism = = =

During the 1960s and 1970s the Florida State University became a center for student activism especially in the areas of racial integration , women 's rights and opposition to the Vietnam War . The school acquired the nickname " Berkeley of the South " during this period , in reference to similar student activities at the University of California , Berkeley . The school is also purported to have originated the 1970s fad of " streaking " , said to have been first observed on Landis Green .

After many years as a segregated university , in 1962 Maxwell Courtney became the first African @-@ American undergraduate student admitted to Florida State . In 1968 Calvin Patterson became the first African American player for the Florida State University football team . Florida State today has the highest graduation rate for African American students of all universities in Florida .

On March 4 , 1969 the FSU chapter of Students for a Democratic Society , an unregistered university student organization , sought to use university facilities for meetings . The FSU administration , under President Stanley Marshall , subsequently decided not to allow the SDS the use of university property and obtained a court injunction to bar the group . The result was a protest and mass arrest at bayonet point of some 58 students in an incident later called the Night of the Bayonets . The university Faculty Senate later criticized the administration 's response as provoking as an artificial crisis . Another notable event occurred when FSU students massed in protest of student deaths at Kent State University causing classes to be canceled . Approximately 1000 students marched to the ROTC building where they were confronted by police armed with shotguns and carbines . Joining the all @-@ night vigil , Governor Claude Kirk appeared unexpectedly with a wicker chair and spent hours , with little escort or fanfare , on Landis Green discussing politics with protesting students .

LGBTQ activism at FSU is unusual in that it was actually a fight against the school itself . The Pride Student Union (PSU) , originally LGBSU , was founded in 1969 to represent LGBTQ students . In 1980 a gay male named William Wade won the title of Homecoming Princess under the pseudonym " Billy Dahling " causing controversy . In 2006 the Union Board added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy causing several student organizations to be zero @-@ funded for noncompliance . Christian Legal Society had the senate to reverse the freezing after threatening a lawsuit which resulted in the founding of The Coalition for an Equitable Community (CFEC) to advocate for an inclusive nondiscrimination policy . In 2008 CFEC filed suit with the FSU Supreme Court against the Union Board for failing to uphold the policy though they ruled they lacked jurisdiction after hearing the case . In November 2009 CFEC placed an editorial in the FSView to provide perspective on the issue . In June 2010 the Board of Trustees passed a resolution protecting students based on sexual orientation , gender identity and gender expression .

In March 2002 , FSU students pitched " Tent City " on Landis Green for 114 days to compel the university to join the fledgling Worker 's Rights Consortium (WRC) . The Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) is an independent watchdog group that monitors labor rights worldwide . At the time , FSU

earned 2 million dollars a year from merchandising rights . FSU administration initially refused to meet with the WRC , reportedly for fear of harming its relationship with Nike . At the outset of the protest 12 activists were arrested for setting up their tents outside the " free speech zone . " Tent City would reach a total of 50 tents throughout the hot , humid months of March , April , May , June , and July . The protest ended in July , when administration met student demands and met with the WRC .

= = = Rise to Preeminent Status = = =

The Florida State University College of Medicine was created in June 2000 . It received provisional accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education on October 17 , 2002 , and full accreditation on February 3 , 2005 .

The King Life Sciences Building , which sits next to the College of Medicine , was completed in June 2008 , bringing all the biological sciences departments under one roof .

Following the creation of performance standards by the Florida state legislature in 2013 , Florida Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Board of Governors designated the Florida State University as one of the two " preeminent universities " among the twelve universities of the State University System of Florida .

Florida State 's new preeminent status and " Top 25 " ranking proposal calls for an increased state commitment of \$ 75 million divided into \$ 15 million increments over the next five years . The university would match , through philanthropy , the state 's commitment dollar for dollar with targeted investments in four areas : science , technology , engineering and math (STEM) initiatives , entrepreneurial programs , career preparation and increased retention and graduation rates . New efficiencies will add to the university 's potential to invest in quality .

= = Academics = =

Florida State University aspires to become a top twenty @-@ five public research university with at least one @-@ third of its PhD programs ranked in the top 15 nationally . The university owns more than 1 @,@ 600 acres (6 @.@ 4 km ²) and is the home of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory among other advanced research facilities . The university continues to develop in its capacity as a leader in Florida graduate research . Other milestones at the university include the first ETA10 @-@ G / 8 supercomputer , capable of 10 @.@ 8 GFLOPS in 1989 , remarkable for the time in that it exceeded the existing speed record of the Cray @-@ 2 / 8 , located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory by a substantial leap and the development of the anti @-@ cancer drug Taxol .

= = = Tuition = = =

For the 2015 ? 2016 academic year , tuition costs were :

Undergraduate

\$ 215 @.@ 55 per credit hour for in @-@ state students , and \$ 721 @.@ 10 per credit hour for out @-@ of @-@ state students . Total tuition / fees : \$ 5 @,@ 644 for in @-@ state and \$ 18 @,@ 788 for out of state

Graduate

\$ 479 @.@ 32 per credit hour for in @-@ state students , and \$ 1 @,@ 110 @.@ 72 per credit hour for out @-@ of @-@ state students . Total tuition / fees : \$ 11 @,@ 554 for in @-@ state and \$ 26 @,@ 698 for out of state

Law School

\$ 688 @.@ 11 per credit hour for in @-@ state students , and \$ 1 @,@ 355 @.@ 18 per credit hour for out @-@ of @-@ state students . Total tuition / fees : \$ 20 @,@ 693 for in @-@ state and \$ 40 @,@ 705 for out of state

Medical School

Total tuition / fees : \$ 27 @, @ 434 (Year 1) for in @-@ state students , and \$ 68 @, @ 619 (Year 1) for out @-@ of @-@ state students .

= = = Demographics = = =

Florida State University students , numbering 41 @, @ 473 in Fall 2015 , come from more than 130 countries , and all 50 states . The ratio of women to men is 55 : 45 , and 21 percent are graduate and professional students . Professional degree programs include Law , Medicine , Business Administration , Social Work , and Nursing . Minority populations constitute 27 @. @ 7 percent of the student body , with 8 percent African @-@ Americans , 16 @. @ 9 percent Hispanics , 0 @. @ 2 percent Native American , and 2 @. @ 6 percent Asian @-@ Americans or Pacific Islanders . In total 2 @, @ 278 international students enrolled at Florida State University and this equates to about 5 @. @ 5 percent of the total enrollment .

The Florida State University College of Medicine has been ranked among the nation 's top 10 for Hispanic students . In 2014 , Hispanic Business ranked the med school eighth , the same as last year . The college was ranked seventh in 2012 , seventh in 2009 and ninth in 2007 . The magazine annually ranks colleges of business , engineering , law and medicine . (The Florida State University College of Law was ranked No. 2 this year .) Rankings are based on percentage of Hispanic student enrollment ; percentage of Hispanic faculty members ; percentage of degrees conferred upon Hispanics ; and progressive programs aimed at increasing enrollment of Hispanic students .

= = = Admissions = = =

The middle 50 % of the Fall 2015 incoming freshmen class had a GPA range from 3 @. @ 8 ? 4 @. @ 3 ; a SAT total range from 1760 to 1940 and an ACT range from 26 ? 30 . FSU 's freshman retention rate is 93 % . Florida State University has one of the highest retention rates in the United States . The university has a 79 @. @ 1 % six @-@ year graduation rate compared to the national average six @-@ year graduation rate of 59 % . Florida State University receives over 30 @, @ 000 freshman applications each year , therefore making admission to the University a competitive process .

= = = Limited Access Programs = = =

A number of undergraduate academic programs at the Florida State University are termed " Limited Access Programs " . Limited Access Programs are programs where student demand exceeds available resources . Admission is thus restricted and sometimes extremely competitive . Examples of limited access programs include The Florida State University Film School , the College of Communication and Information , the College of Nursing , Computer Science , most of the majors in the College of Education , several majors in the College of Visual Arts , Theatre and Dance and all majors in the College of Business .

= = = Honors Program = = =

Florida State University has a nationally recognized honors program . The University Honors Office supports the University 's long tradition of academic excellence by offering two programs , the University Honors Program and the Honors in the Major Program , which highlight the institution 's strengths in teaching , research , and community service . The Honors Program also offers special scholarships , internships , research , and study abroad opportunities .

Admission into the University Honors Program is by invitation only . The average academic profile of students that were offered honors invitations in 2015 was as follows : 4 @. @ 2 weighted GPA ; 32 ACT composite ; 2080 SAT total . For the Honors in the Major Program students , the University Honors Office requires that prospective students have at least sixty semester hours and at least a 3 @. @ 2 cumulative FSU GPA . The Honors program offers students housing in Landis Hall and

Gilchrist Hall . Landis Hall is the traditional home of Honors students since 1955 , which is situated on Landis Green at the heart of FSU 's main campus . Gilchrist Hall also houses Honors students and is conveniently located adjacent to Landis Hall . The two halls enjoy a shared study which allows Honors students living in either residence hall to easily gather with classmates and friends .

= = = Scholarships = = =

The Presidential Scholars Program is the premier undergraduate scholarship program at Florida State University . The program provides four years of support and is open to high school seniors who are admitted into the Florida State University Honors Program . The total award package for Presidential Scholars is \$ 31 @, @ 200 , plus an out @-@ of @-@ state tuition waiver . This includes the \$ 9 @, @ 600 Presidential Scholarship distributed over four years and a \$ 9 @, @ 600 Admissions Scholarship distributed over four years . It also includes \$ 12 @, @ 000 for educational enrichment opportunities including international experiences such as Study Abroad and Global Scholars , research and creative projects , service learning projects or public service , internships , and entrepreneurial development . Support and guidance is offered through the Honors Program , Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement and the Office of National Fellows .

= = = International Programs = = =

Florida State University 's International Programs (FSU IP) is ranked 12th in the nation among university study abroad programs . Every year Florida State consistently sends over 2 @, @ 276 students across the world to study in multiple locations . As a student of IP , students are able to take classes that meet their major and / or minor requirements , study with experts in their field , and earn FSU credit .

Florida State has four permanent study centers providing residential and academic facilities in London , England ; Florence , Italy ; Valencia , Spain ; and Panama City , Panama .

Florida State University is well known for its undergraduate and graduate study abroad options : according to Uni in the USA , " the large numbers of students that study abroad nicely compliment the students that study here from abroad . "

= = = Young Scholars Program = = =

The FSU Young Scholars Program is a competitive residential science and mathematics program for 40 Florida high @-@ school students with potential for careers in the sciences , engineering , and health professions . Admission to the FSU YSP generally requires completing the eleventh grade and scoring at least 90 % on a national standardized examination such as the SAT or PSAT . The PSAT math average is approximately 96 % and the PSAT verbal average is approximately 94 % . Many students are first in their class at their home schools , with 79 % being in the top ten of their class .

Rhodes Scholars

In 1905 Florida State earned Florida 's first Rhodes Scholar . In 1977 Florida State University earned the first female Rhodes Scholar in Florida . In 2008 , Florida State undergraduate and football player Myron Rolle earned the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship award . Rolle is the fifth FSU student overall to earn this award and the third since 2005 . Joe O 'Shea , an FSU Student Body President , and Garrett Johnson , an FSU student athlete , earned the award in 2007 and 2005 , respectively . Only thirty @-@ two students in the United States earn the award each year .

= = = Rankings = = =

In 2015 , U.S. News & World Report ranked Florida State University as tied for the 43rd @-@ best public university in the United States , and tied for the 95th overall among all national universities ,

public and private .

Many of Florida State University 's graduate schools have received top @-@ 50 rankings from U.S. News & World Report . In 2016 , U.S. News ranked the College of Education 36th and the College of Law 50th .

In 2015 , the FSU College of Business was ranked 40th undergraduate program among all public universities .

The FSU College of Law is the No. 1 law school in Florida with the highest job placement and one of the highest passing rates on the Florida Bar Exam .

In 2016 , Florida State 's graduate programs ranked by U.S. News & World Report in the nation 's top 100 were services for children and youth 5th , criminology 7th , digital librarianship 11th , library and information studies 13th , city management and urban policy 8th , public affairs 19th , public management administration 17th , public policy analysis 21st , public finance and budgeting 23rd , speech @-@ language pathology 28th , clinical psychology 36th , social work 38th , statistics 39th , sociology 39th , political science 40th , physics 44th , chemistry 49th , psychology 60th , economics 64th , fine arts 69th , math 73rd , earth sciences 77th , computer science 82nd , English 82nd , history 92nd , and biological sciences 93rd .

Florida State University is currently ranked the No. 2 most efficient high @-@ quality university in the country by U.S. News & World Report 2015 . The university was also named the nation 's most efficient in 2013 and 2014 by U.S. News & World Report .

In 2012 , the Princeton Review and USA Today ranked Florida State the 4th " Best Value " public university in the nation . In 2012 , Florida State was ranked among universities as having the most financial resources per student . Florida State is ranked the 29th top college in the United States by Payscale and CollegeNet 's Social Mobility Index college rankings (2014) .

In 2010 , Florida State University was named a " Budget Ivy " university by a list prepared by the Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College . In addition U.S. News in 2009 ranked Florida State as 32nd overall amongst the most popular colleges in the United States , this ranking is determined by institutions with the highest yield rates .

Florida State University leads the state of Florida in four of eight areas of external funding for the STEM disciplines (Science , Technology , Engineering and Math) . Leads in Rhodes Scholars , claiming all three of the Rhodes Scholars from public universities in Florida since 2006 . Highest percentage of alumni giving back than any university in Florida . Highest amount of National Science Foundation research and development expenditures in the state .

= = = Organization = = =

As a part of the State University System of Florida , the Florida State University falls under the purview of the Florida Board of Governors . However , a 13 @-@ member Board of trustees is " vested with the authority to govern and set policy for The Florida State University as necessary to provide proper governance and improvement of the University in accordance with law and rules of the Florida Board of Governors " .

Sally McRorie became the provost of FSU in November 2015 , and is responsible for day @-@ to @-@ day operation and administration of the university .

Florida State University offers Associate , Bachelor , Masters , Specialist , Doctoral , and Professional degree programs through its sixteen colleges . The most popular Colleges by enrollment are Arts and Sciences , Business , Social Sciences , Education , and Human Science .

The Florida State University College of Medicine operates using diversified hospital and community @-@ based clinical education medical training for medical students . Founded on the mission to provide care to medically underserved populations , the Florida State University College of Medicine for patient @-@ centered care . The students spend their first two years taking basic science courses on the FSU campus in Tallahassee and are then assigned to one of the regional medical school campuses for their third- and fourth @-@ year clinical training . Rotations can be done at one of the six regional campuses in Daytona Beach , Fort Pierce , Orlando , Pensacola , Sarasota or stay in Tallahassee if they so choose .

=== Florida State University Foundation ===

Florida State University receives , in addition to state funding , financial support from The Florida State University Foundation , an organization which exists solely to manage gifts and donations to the university . The Foundation manages the university 's endowment , currently amounting to well over half a billion dollars . The endowment helps provide scholarships to students of the university , support for long @-@ term university goals and for other specific purposes as designated by the various donors .

=== Seminole Boosters ===

Seminole Boosters , Inc . , is designated as the Direct Support Organization for Florida State University athletics . Today , Seminole Boosters , Inc . , is one of the leading collegiate athletic fundraising organizations in America . Contributors account for more than \$ 14 million in annual funds , plus at least \$ 15 million per year in capital gifts . The Seminole Boosters Scholarship Endowment has nearly \$ 66 million under management , and the Boosters are involved with a wide range of enterprises including affinity programs , logos and licensing , gameday parking , concessions , the University Center Club , skybox management , and the construction of athletic facilities .

=== Colleges and academic divisions ===

Florida State University is divided into 16 colleges and more than 110 centers , facilities , labs and institutes offering more than 129 undergraduate majors and 231 graduate degrees .

=== Florida State University Libraries ===

The Florida State University Libraries house one of the largest collections of documents in the state of Florida . The Libraries ' collections include over 3 @. @ 2 million volumes , with a website offering access to more than 1 @, @ 047 databases , 95 @, @ 299 e @-@ journals , and over 1 @. @ 1 million e @-@ books . In total , Florida State has thirteen libraries and millions of books and journals to choose from . The collection covers virtually all disciplines and includes a wide array of formats ? from books and journals to manuscripts , maps , and recorded music . Increasingly collections are digital and are accessible on the Internet via the library web page or the library catalog . The FSU Library System also maintains subscriptions to a vast number of online databases which can be accessed from any student account on or off campus . The current dean of the Library System is Julia Zimmerman , who oversees a staff of over 268 employees and a \$ 17 @. @ 5 million annual budget recorded in 2013 .

Libraries

The Robert M. Strozier Library is Florida State 's main library . It is located in the historic central area of the campus adjacent to Landis Green and occupies seven floors . Strozier 's collections focus on the humanities , social sciences , business , and education . The facility has been renovated several times . In 2008 , the lower floor reopened as the graduate- and faculty @-@ focused Scholars Commons . In 2010 , the main floor was transformed into an undergraduate @-@ focused Learning Commons . The most recent renovation added smart study rooms , an enlarged computer area , new circulation areas , a tutoring center , and the nation 's first double @-@ sided Starbucks . Strozier also houses the Special Collections and Archives division and Heritage Protocol . Strozier Library is open 24 @-@ hours on weekdays during the fall and spring semesters . The library closes early on Friday and Saturday nights and maintains decreased hours during the summer semester .

The Paul A. M. Dirac Science Library is the main science library for Florida State University and houses over 500 @, @ 000 books . Located on FSU 's Legacy Walk farther west on campus , Dirac

Library is smaller than Strozier at three stories . Dirac offers nearly 800 seats and provides 80 desktop computers (PC and Mac) and 80 laptop computers (PC and Mac) for use by students . Dirac also offers 8 wireless Air Media Displays and 2 innovative MondoPad displays . There are over 35 individual and group study rooms that can be reserved online . The library building is also home to the FSU School of Computational Science and Information Technology . The library also houses a collection of materials principally related to Dirac 's times at FSU and Cambridge University . Dirac has been renovated in 2015 with new and improved amenities , technology , and seating .

The Claude Pepper Center on campus is home to a think tank devoted to intercultural dialogue and the Mildred and Claude Pepper Library . The library contains a wide collection of documents , books , photographs , and recordings formerly belonging to Claude Pepper which are available to researchers . The Center is also home to a collection of former Florida Governor Rubin Askew . The Center is headed by FSU alumnus Larry Polivka , PhD . The goal of the Claude Pepper Center is to further the needs of elderly Americans and has worked towards this goal since it opened in 1998 .

The Warren D. Allen Music Library occupies 18 @, @ 000 square feet of space within the Housewright Music Building in the Florida State University College of Music and serves as a repository for over 150 @, @ 000 scores , sound recordings (17 @, @ 000 albums and over 17 @, @ 000 CDs) , video recordings , books , periodicals , and microforms . The library was founded in 1911 .

The Harold Goldstein Library on the main campus houses a collection of approximately 82 @, @ 000 books , videos and CDs relating to library and information science , information technology , and juvenile literature . The largest part of the collection consists of professional and reference materials as well as juvenile and easy books .

The Florida State University College of Law Research Center houses the official library of the Florida State University College of Law . Located in B. K. Roberts Hall , the library has holdings consisting of over 500 @, @ 000 volumes of which contain the basics of US law , English Common Law , and International Law . The library also maintains subscriptions to several law @-@ specific databases which can be accessed by students .

= = = Notable faculty = = =

See also Category : Florida State University faculty

Florida State University currently employs 2 @, @ 408 faculty members and over 5 @, @ 900 staff . Florida State 's more than 41 @, @ 773 students have the opportunity to work and study among faculty that includes a Nobel Laureate , three active members of the National Academy of Sciences , two active members of the National Academy of Engineering , two active members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences , two Pulitzer Prize winners , 11 active Guggenheim Fellowship recipients , and over 30 Fulbright Scholars . Florida State faculty members lead several scholarly fields in citations to published work and hold multiple honors in the arts , including the Academy Award , Kennedy Center Honors , the Grammy Award , and the Capezio and BESSIE Dance Awards . Florida State is represented by faculty serving in a number of renowned Academies , Voluntary Associations and Societies . Florida State was home to the first ETA10 @-@ G / 8 supercomputer . Professor E. Imre Friedmann and researcher Dr. Roseli Friedmann demonstrated primitive life could survive in rocks , establishing the potential for life on other planets .

Robert A. Holton , a professor of chemistry at Florida State , developed the first total synthesis of the anti @-@ cancer drug paclitaxel , which had previously been obtainable only from the bark of the Pacific yew tree . Florida State University signed a deal with Bristol @-@ Myers Squibb to license this and future patents . In 1992 , Holton patented an improved process with an 80 % yield .

Florida State 's Department of Art includes many distinguished faculty . Mark Messersmith , Lillian Garcia @-@ Roig , and Emeritus Professor Ray Burggraf are renowned for environmentally @-@ focused paintings and " color constructions " that continue to inspire debate among scholars . Together , Messersmith , Garcia @-@ Roig , and Burggraf created an exhibition called , A Mysterious Clarity . It debuted at the 621 Gallery in 2004 (Tallahassee , FL) , and by popular

demand , quickly evolved into a traveling show . To date , A Mysterious Clarity has been featured in at least 9 museums and galleries including the Albany Museum of Art , the Gulf Coast Museum , and the Brevard Art Museum .

= = Research = =

As one of the two primary research universities in Florida , the Florida State University has long been associated with basic and advanced scientific research . Today the university engages in many areas of academic inquiry at the undergraduate , graduate and postdoctoral levels .

Florida State University was awarded more than \$ 252 @. @ 548 million in total research expenditures , in sponsored research in fiscal year 2014 . FSU is one of the top 15 universities nationally receiving physical sciences funding from the National Science Foundation .

Florida State currently has 19 graduate degree programs in interdisciplinary research fields . Interdisciplinary programs merge disciplines into common areas where discoveries may be exploited by more than one method . Interdisciplinary research at FSU covers traditional subjects like chemistry , physics and engineering to social sciences .

= = = National High Magnetic Field Laboratory = = =

The National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL) or " Mag Lab " at Florida State develops and operates high magnetic field facilities that scientists use for research in physics , biology , bioengineering , chemistry , geochemistry , biochemistry , materials science , and engineering . It is the only facility of its kind in the United States and one of only nine in the world . Fourteen world records have been set at the Mag Lab to date . The Magnetic Field Laboratory is a 440 @, @ 000 sq. ft (40 @, @ 877 square meter) complex employing 507 faculty , staff , graduate , and postdoctoral students . This facility is the largest and highest powered laboratory of its kind in the world and produces the highest continuous magnetic fields .

= = = High @-@ Performance Materials Institute = = =

The High @-@ Performance Materials Institute (HPMI) is a multidisciplinary research institute at Florida State University . Its mission is to strive to recruit , develop and retain top quality faculty and staff who will develop HPMI into a leader of excellence for research and education in the field of advanced materials . Currently , HPMI is involved in four primary technology areas : High @-@ Performance Composite and Nanomaterials , Structural Health Monitoring , Multifunctional Nanomaterials Advanced Manufacturing and Process Modeling .

Over the last several years , HPMI has proven a number of technology concepts that have the potential to narrow the gap between research and practical applications of nanotube @-@ based materials . These technologies include magnetic alignment of nanotubes , fabrication of nanotube membranes or buckypapers , production of nanotube composites , modeling of nanotube @-@ epoxy interaction at the molecular level , and characterization of SWNT nanocomposites for mechanical properties , electrical conductivity , thermal management , radiation shielding and EMI attenuation . HPMI personnel also established Florida 's first National Science Foundation (NSF) Industry / University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) .

In 2006 , the Florida Board of Governors designated HPMI as a Center of Excellence in Advanced Materials and awarded \$ 4 million to further HPMI 's efforts in technology transfer , economic development and work force training . Under its cluster hiring program , FSU has awarded the HPMI team with an additional \$ 4 million to recruit and hire some of the nation 's top researchers in Materials . HPMI personnel moved into the new \$ 20 million , 45 @, @ 000 square foot Materials Research Building , which houses the latest state @-@ of @-@ the art equipment and facilities for materials research , especially designed for research in nanomaterials .

= = = The Center for Advanced Power Systems = = =

Florida State University's Center for Advanced Power Systems (CAPS) has become the first university test site accredited by the U.S. Navy to perform high @-@ powered simulations as the center develops next @-@ generation shipboard power technology .

The Center for Advanced Power Systems is a multidisciplinary research center organized to perform basic and applied research to advance the field of power systems technology . CAPS ' emphasis is on application to electric utility , defense , and transportation , as well as , developing an education program to train the next generation of power systems engineers . The research focuses on electric power systems modeling and simulation , power electronics and machines , control systems , thermal management , cyber @-@ security for power systems , high temperature superconductor characterization and electrical insulation research . With support from the U.S. Navy , Office of Naval Research (ONR) and the U.S. Department of Energy , CAPS has established a unique test and demonstration facility with one of the largest real @-@ time digital power systems simulators along with 5 MW AC and DC test beds for hardware in the loop simulation . The center is supported by a research team composed of dedicated and highly skilled researchers , scientists , faculty , engineers , and students , recruited from across the globe , with strong representation from both the academic / research community and industry .

In January 2015 , Florida State University 's Center for Advanced Power Systems has unveiled a new 24 @,@ 000 @-@ volt direct current power test system , the most powerful of its kind available at a university research center throughout the world . The new test facility is the latest piece of the center 's PHIL testing program . It has a 24 @,@ 000 @-@ volt direct current with a capacity of 5 megawatts , making it the most powerful PHIL system of its kind at a university research center worldwide . To create the new system , the center put together four individual 6 kilovolt , 1 @.@ 25 megawatt converters that can be arranged in any combination , in series or parallel connection , to form an extremely flexible test bed for medium voltage direct current (MVDC) system investigations .

CAPS researchers are also collaborating with Virginia Tech on a project for the U.S. Office of Naval Research to evaluate the performance of an electrical impedance measurement unit (IMU) developed by Virginia Tech and to be shipped to CAPS for testing . The purpose of an IMU is to probe a power system for its impedance characteristics to establish criteria for stable operation of the system .

CAPS is a long @-@ term contractor with the U.S. Navy , which is working to develop an all @-@ electric ship . The Navy has also committed funding to study design and performance of fault current limited MVDC systems and other operational aspects of MVDC systems .

= = = Participation in the Large Hadron Collider = = =

After decades of planning and construction the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) is a next generation detector for the new proton @-@ proton collider (7 TeV + 7 TeV) called the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) which is now operational in the existing 17 mi (27 km) circular underground tunnel near Geneva , Switzerland at CERN , the European Laboratory for Particle Physics . Florida State University faculty members collaborated in the design , construction and operation of the LHC , with some components assembled at Florida State and shipped to CERN for installation . Florida State faculty contributed to several areas of the CMS , especially the electromagnetic calorimeter and the hadron calorimeter .

= = = MIT Contest of lab award = = =

The National Science Foundation awarded the Florida State University the right in 1990 to host the new National High Magnetic Field Laboratory rather than improve the existing Francis Bitter Magnet Laboratory controlled by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) together with a consortium of other universities . The award of the laboratory was contested by MIT in an unprecedented request to the NSF for a review of the award . The NSF denied the appeal ,

explaining that the superior enthusiasm for and commitment to the project demonstrated by Florida State led to the decision to relocate the lab .

= = Campus = =

The main campus covers 489 acres (2 @. @ 0 km²) of land including Heritage Grove and contains over 14 @, @ 800 @, @ 000 square feet (1 @, @ 375 @, @ 000 m²) of buildings . Florida State University owns more than 1 @, @ 600 acres (6 km²) . The campus is bordered by Stadium Drive to the west , Tennessee Street (U.S. Route 90) to the north , Macomb Street to the east , and Gaines Street to the south . Located at the intersection of College Avenue and S. Copeland Street , the Westcott building is perhaps the school 's most prominent structure . The Westcott location is the oldest site of higher education in Florida and is the home of Ruby Diamond Auditorium which serves as the university 's premier performance venue . Dodd Hall , the campus ' original library was ranked as 10th on AIA 's Florida Chapter list of Florida Architecture : 100 Years . 100 Places .

The historic student housing residence halls include Broward , Bryan , Cawthon , Gilchrist , Jennie Murphree , Landis and Reynolds , and are located on the eastern half of campus . There are three new residence hall complexes , Ragans and Wildwood , located near the athletic quadrant ; and DeGraff Hall , located on Tennessee Street . Being a major university campus , the Florida State University campus is also home to Heritage Grove , Florida State 's Greek community , located a short walk up the St. Marks Trail .

On and around the Florida State University campus are seven libraries ; Dirac Science Library named after the Nobel Prize @-@ winning physicist and Florida State University professor Paul Dirac , Strozier Library , Maguire Medical Library , Law Library , Engineering Library , Allen Music Library and the Goldstein information library . Strozier Library is the main library of the campus and is the only library in Florida that is open 24 hours Sunday @-@ Thursday throughout the Fall and Spring semesters .

Right next to the Donald L. Tucker Center , the College of Law is located abetween Jefferson Street and Pensacola Street . The College of Business sits in the heart of campus near the Oglesby Student Union and across from the new Huge Classroom Building (HCB) . The science and research quad is located in the northwest quadrant of campus . The College of Medicine , King Life Science buildings (biology) as well as the Department of Psychology are located on the west end of campus on Call Street and Stadium Drive .

Located off Stadium Drive in the southwest quadrant are Doak Campbell Stadium which encloses Bobby Bowden Field . The arena seats approximately 84 @, @ 000 spectators , the University Center Buildings , Dick Howser Stadium as well as other athletic buildings . Doak Campbell Stadium , the University Center Buildings , Dick Howser Stadium as well as other athletic buildings and fields are located off Stadium Drive in the southwest quadrant . Doak Campbell Stadium is a unique venue in collegiate athletics . It is contained within the brick facade walls of University Center , the largest continuous brick structure in the world . The vast complex houses the offices of the university , the registrar , the Dedman School of Hospitality , and other offices and classrooms .

Additional to the main campus , the FSU Southwest Campus encompasses another 850 acres (3 @. @ 4 km²) of land off Orange Drive . The southwest campus currently houses the Florida State University College of Engineering which is housed in a two building joint facility with the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University . In addition to the College of Engineering , The Don Veller Seminole Golf Course and Club are located here and the Morcorm Aquatics Center . The FSU Research Foundation buildings as well as the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory are located in Innovation Park and the Alumni Village , family style student housing are located off Levy . Flastacowo Road Leads to the Florida State University Reservation , a student lakeside retreat on Lake Bradford .

In August a new 104 @-@ acre (0 @. @ 4 km²) RecSports Plex opened located on Tyson Road . This intramural sports complex will become the largest in the collegiate world with twelve football fields , five softball fields , four club (soccer) fields as well as basketball and volleyball courts . The addition of the Southwest Tallahassee campus in recent years has expanded campus space to over

1 @, @ 100 acres (4 km²) .

Florida State University has seen considerable expansion and construction since T. K. Wetherell came into office in 2003 . Numerous renovations as well as new constructions have been completed or are in the process of completion . These projects include student athletic fields , dormitories , new classroom space as well as research space . Currently the campus is undergoing a revival and beautification of the campus ' main spaces .

= = = Satellite campus = = =

. Florida State University Panama City is located 100 miles (160 km) from the main campus . Beginning in the early 1980s . Since that time the campus has grown to almost 1 @, @ 500 students supported by 15 bachelor 's and 19 graduate degree programs .

FSU Panama City began offering full @-@ time daytime programs in fall 2000 . This scheduling , coupled with programs offered in the evenings , serves to accommodate the needs of its diverse student population . Over 30 resident faculty were hired to help staff the programs . Nestled among oaks along the waters of North Bay and only three miles from the Gulf of Mexico , the Florida State University Panama City campus offers upper @-@ division undergraduate courses as well as some graduate and specialist degree programs .

Since opening in 1982 , over 4 @, @ 000 students have graduated from FSU Panama City with degrees ranging from elementary education to engineering . All courses are taught by faculty members from the main FSU campus . The satellite institution currently has a ratio of 25 students to each faculty member .

= = = FSU / Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training = = =

The graduate program for Acting was relocated to Sarasota in 1973 to form a permanent relationship with the Asolo Repertory Theatre . The program is now housed in the Florida State University Center for the Performing Arts . It is a multi @-@ theater complex , located farther east on the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art property .

= = = FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory = = =

The FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory is located about 45 miles (72 km) from the main campus in Tallahassee . It is on the coast of St. Teresa , Florida , between Panacea and Carrabelle , on Apalachee Bay , 8 acres (32 @, @ 000 m²) of which is right on the water and the remaining 70 acres (280 @, @ 000 m²) of which is directly across the road . The mission of the FSUCML is to conduct innovative , interdisciplinary research focused on the coastal and marine ecosystems of the northeastern Gulf of Mexico , with a focus on solving the ecological problems faced by the region by providing the scientific underpinnings for informed policy decisions . Research is conducted by faculty in residence and by those from the main campus , as well as by faculty , postdoctoral , graduate , and undergraduate investigators from FSU and other universities throughout the world .

Florida State University established its first marine laboratory , the Oceanographic Institute , in 1949 , on 25 acres (100 @, @ 000 m²) on the harbor side of the peninsula that forms Alligator Harbor , which maintained a substantial research effort throughout the 1950s and 1960s . Other marine stations maintained by Florida State University until 1954 included one at Mayport , on the St. Johns River near Jacksonville , which conducted research related to the menhaden and shrimp fisheries and oceanographic problems of the Gulf Stream and the mouth of the St. John 's River , and one on Mullet Key at the mouth of Tampa Bay , which studied red tide .

In the late 1960s , FSU moved the lab to its current location west of Turkey Point , on land donated by Edward Ball , the founder of the St. Joe Paper Company , and changed its name to The Edward Ball Marine Laboratory . In 2006 , the lab became known as The Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory (FSUCML) , a name that better reflects the expanded programmatic base of its research , education , and outreach missions .

See map of the laboratory : 29 ° 54 ' 54 " N 84 ° 30 ' 42 " @ . @ 12 ' W

= = Student life = =

= = = Traditions = = =

The university 's colors are garnet and gold . The colors of garnet and gold represent a merging of the university 's past . While the school fielded a football team as early , or earlier than 1899 , in 1902 , 1903 and 1905 the team won football championships wearing purple and gold uniforms . The following year , the college student body selected crimson as the official school color . The administration in 1905 took crimson and combined it with the recognizable purple of the championship football teams to achieve the color garnet . After World War II the garnet and gold colors were first worn by a renewed football team in a 14 ? 6 loss to Stetson University on October 18 , 1947 . Florida State University 's marching band is the Marching Chiefs .

= = = Alma mater = = =

The alma mater for Florida State University was composed by Charlie Carter in 1956 .

The most popular songs of Florida State University include :

Alma Mater ? " High O 'er Towering Pines "

Hymn ? " Hymn To the Garnet and Gold "

Fight Song ? " FSU Fight Song "

= = = Greek life = = =

Over 6 @ , @ 500 students are members of either a fraternity or sorority . The Office of Greek Life at Florida State University encompasses the Interfraternity Council (IFC) , Panhellenic Council (NPC) , Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) , and the National Pan @ - @ Hellenic Council (NPHC) . The Order of Omega and Rho Lambda Honor Societies also have chapters at Florida State .

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) comprises 22 fraternities . The Panhellenic Association is made up of 17 sororities and over 4 @ , @ 000 women .

The Multicultural Greek Council consists of 11 cultural organizations (Latino , Asian , South Asian , etc .) . The National Pan @ - @ Hellenic Council comprises 8 historically black organizations .

= = = Reserve Officer Training Corps = = =

Florida State University 's Reserve Officer Training Corps is the official officer training and commissioning program at Florida State University . Dating back to Civil War days , the ROTC unit at Florida State University is one of four collegiate military units with permission to display a battle streamer , in recognition of the military service of student cadets during the Battle of Natural Bridge in 1865 .

The Reserve Officer Training Corps offers commissions for the United States Army and the United States Air Force . The Reserve Officer Training Corps at Florida State is currently located at the Harpe @ - @ Johnson Building .

The Reserve Officer Training Corps at Florida State University offers training in the military and aerospace sciences to students who desire to perform military service after they graduate . The Departments of the Army and Air Force each maintain a Reserve Officers Training Corps and each individual department (Department of Military Studies for the Army ; Department of Aerospace Studies for the Air Force) has a full staff of active duty military personnel serving as instructor cadre or administrative support staff . Florida State University is also a cross @ - @ town affiliate with Florida A & M University 's Navy ROTC Battalion , allowing FSU students to pursue training in the naval sciences for subsequent commissioning as officers in the Navy or Marine Corps .

== Housing ==

Florida State University provides 6 @, @ 572 students undergraduate students with housing on the Eastside and Westside on the main campus . This number will soon be expanded to 7 @, @ 283 with new housing projects . Florida State University is a traditional residential university wherein most students live on campus in university residence halls or nearby in privately owned residence halls , apartments and residences . Florida State currently has 18 residence halls on campus , housing undergraduate , graduate and international students . Residence halls offer suite @-@ style , apartment @-@ style , and community @-@ style accommodations (starting in Fall 2015 , Smith will be the only available community @-@ style hall) . Students who are active members of the FSU Greek System may live in chapter housing near campus . There is also a vast amount of off @-@ campus housing options throughout Tallahassee for students to choose from .

Renovated historic student housing residence halls located on the eastern half of campus include Broward , Bryan , Cawthon , Gilchrist , Jennie Murphree , Landis and Reynolds . Deviney and Dorman Hall are also located on the eastern half of campus . There are three new residence hall complexes , Ragans and Wildwood , located near the athletic quadrant ; and Degraff Hall , located right across West Tennessee Street . Smith , McCollum and Salley Halls are located in the northwestern quadrant . On @-@ campus housing for single graduate students includes Rogers Hall , Ragans Hall , Traditions Hall , and McCollum Hall .

== Recreation ==

Florida State University has more than 700 organizations and clubs for students to join . They range from cultural and athletic to philanthropy , including Phi Beta Kappa , AcaBelles , Garnet and Gold Scholar Society , Marching Chiefs , Garnet Girls Competitive Cheerleading , Florida State Golden Girls , FSU Pow Wow , FSU Majorettes , Hillel at FSU , Seminole Flying Club , No Bears Allowed , FSU Student Foundation , InternatioNole , Student Alumni Association , Hispanic / Latino Student Union , Relay For Life , The Big Event at FSU , Por Colombia , Quidditch at FSU , and the Men 's Soccer Club . All organizations are funded through the SGA and many put on events throughout the year . Students may create their own registered student organization if the current interest or concern is not addressed by the previously established entities .

Fitness & Sports

The Bobby E. Leach Student Recreation Center is a 120 @, @ 000 square foot fitness facility located right in the heart of campus . Construction on the Center was completed in 1991 . The Leach Center has three regulation @-@ size basketball courts on the upper level with the third court being designated for other sports such as volleyball , table tennis , and badminton . It also has five racquetball & squash courts for recreational matches and an indoor track overlooking the pool on the third level of the facility .

The Leach Pool is a 16 @-@ lane by 25 @-@ yard indoor swimming facility with two 1 @-@ meter and two 3 @-@ meter diving boards . A complete spa area is located just off the pool deck and is equipped with two whirlpools , two steam rooms , and a sauna . The leach center provides over 100 free group fitness classes offered weekly along with personal training provided by NSCA @-@ certified personal trainers .

Florida State University also has an intramural sports program . Sports clubs include equestrian and water sailing . The clubs compete against other Intercollegiate club teams around the country . Intramural sports include flag football , basketball , recreational soccer , volleyball , sand volleyball , softball , swimming , kickball , mini golf , team bowling , tennis , ultimate frisbee , wiffle ball , dodge ball , battleship , college pick em , innertube water polo , kan jam , spikeball , and wallyball .

A new area of intramural sports fields , named the 104 @-@ acre (0 @. @ 4 km2) RecSports Plex , was opened in September 2007 . This intramural sports complex is the largest in the nation with twelve football fields , five softball fields , four soccer fields , and basketball and volleyball courts .

Entertainment

Crenshaw Lanes is a twelve lane bowling alley located in the Oglesby Student Union and it includes ten full sized billiard tables . It has been at FSU since 1964 . The interior has been completely renovated for spring 2015 .

Club Downunder hosts entertainment acts such as bands and comedians . Past bands that have come through Club Downunder include The White Stripes , Modest Mouse , The National , Girl Talk , Spoon , Soundgarden , She Wants Revenge , Cold War Kids , Yeah Yeah Yeahs , and Death Cab for Cutie . All shows that take place at Club Downunder are free for FSU students .

The Askew Student Life Center is home to the Student Life Cinema . It features five to six nights a week playing movies , documentaries , indies , foreign films , and restored cinema movies . Movies are selected by an all @-@ student committee and are free to all currently enrolled FSU students .

The Student Life Center offers a cybercafe with computers for Internet surfing and computer games , as well as board games . A coffee shop called Reel Coffee sells snacks and drinks in the cybercafe . The cybercafe hosts Super Smash Bros. tournaments and other gaming tournaments .

Florida State 's Reservation is a 73 @-@ acre (300 @,@ 000 m2) lakeside recreational area located off campus . This university retreat on Lake Bradford was founded in 1920 as a retreat for students when FSU was the state college for women between 1905 and 1947 . The original name for the retreat was Camp Flastacowo .

Florida State University is one of two collegiate schools in the country to have a circus . The FSU Flying High Circus is a three @-@ ring circus that has performances during the Fall semester (for Parents ' Weekend) and Spring semester (their annual homeshow) . The circus , founded in 1947 by Jack Haskin , in an extracurricular activity under the Division of Student Affairs that any FSU student may join . Student performers in the circus practice daily , much like any other school sport . The performers help rig their equipment and sew their own costumes . Performances occur in April under the Big Top circus tent .

= = = Student government = = =

The Florida State University Student Government is the governing body of students who attend Florida State University , representing the university 's nearly 43 @,@ 000 undergraduate , graduate and professional students . The university 's student government currently operates on a yearly \$ 13 @.@ 9 million budget , one of the largest student government budgets in the United States , and the money is allocated by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Branch .

The student government was established in 1935 and consists of executive , judicial , and legislative branches . The executive branch includes the student government president , vice president , and treasurer elected by the student body during the spring semester , as well as six agencies .

The Student Senate is the legislative branch , and is composed of 80 senators who serve one @-@ year terms . The student body elects the first half during each spring semester and the remaining half during the fall semester . The senators elect a Senate President and Senate President Pro Tempore twice a year , after each semester 's elections , to lead the Student Senate .

The student government judicial branch has two major components : the Supreme Court of the Student Body (headed by a Chief Justice) and all elections related officials such as the Supervisor of Elections and the Elections Commission . The Supreme Court consists of seven second or third @-@ year students at the FSU College of Law nominated by the Student Body President and confirmed by the Student Senate . Each justice serves a " life @-@ time " term , which extends through the individual justice 's graduation and insulates the court from the politics of student government . The Chief Justice may appoint a marshal and clerk . The election commission is also composed of Florida State University College of Law students and it adjudicates all student government election complaints . The commission has five members , one of whom also serves as the commission chairman .

The student government executive branch is led by the Student Body President and includes the Student Body Vice President , Student Body Treasurer , six agencies , and eleven executive secretaries .

== Campus and area transportation ==

The FSU campus is served by eight bus routes of the Seminole Express Bus Service . The Seminole Express Bus Service provides transportation to , around , and from campus to the surrounding Tallahassee areas for Faculty , Staff , Students and Visitors . All students , faculty and staff can also ride any StarMetro bus throughout the City of Tallahassee for free by swiping a valid FSUCard . FSU also provides other campus services , including Spirit Shuttle (during football games) , Nole Cab , S.A.F.E. Connection , and Night Nole nighttime service .

Florida State University is also served by the Tallahassee International Airport , which is located in the Southwest portion of Tallahassee and has daily services to Miami , Fort Lauderdale , Orlando , Tampa , Atlanta , Charlotte , and Dallas @-@ Fort Worth .

== Student media ==

The campus newspaper , the FSView & Florida Flambeau , is 100 years old now and publishes weekly during the summer and semiweekly on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year following the academic calendar . After changing hands three times in 13 years , the FSView was sold to the Tallahassee Democrat in late July 2006 , making it part of the Gannett chain . This exchange was allowed because the FSView had been for a long time a for @-@ profit business that was not legally associated with the Florida State University . Since most collegiate newspapers are supported by their colleges , this was also among the first times that a major corporation had acquired a college newspaper .

FSU operates two television stations , WFSU and WFSG , and three radio stations , WFSU @-@ FM , WFSQ @-@ FM and WFSW @-@ FM . FSU operates a fourth radio station , WVFS (V89 , " The Voice " , or " The Voice of Florida State ") , as an on @-@ campus instructional radio station staffed by student and community volunteers . WVFS broadcasts primarily independent music as an alternative to regular radio .

The English Department publishes a literary journal , The Southeast Review , founded in 1979 as Sundog .

== Career placement ==

The Florida State University Career Center is located in the Dunlap Success Center . Its mission is to provide comprehensive career services to students , alumni , employers , faculty / staff and other members of the FSU community . These services involve on and off @-@ campus job interviews , career planning , assistance in applying to graduate and professional schools , internships , fellowships , co @-@ op placements , research , and career portfolio resources . The Career Center offers workshops , information sessions , and career fairs . Staff at the FSU Career Center advise students and alumni regarding resumes and portfolios , tactics for job interviews , cover letters , job strategies and other potential leads for finding employment in the corporate , academic , and government sectors .

The ProfessioNole program offers students the chance to reach out to professionals throughout the community , country , and world and learn more about their field 's industry demands , career expectations , job outlook , and employment opportunities . Both alumni and friends of the University participate in ProfessioNole , making themselves available for student inquiries . SeminoleLink is The Career Center 's registration system linking students and alumni directly with employers . SeminoleLink is part of the NACElink Network , the largest network of career services and recruiting professionals in the world .

== Museums ==

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art located in Sarasota , FL , is the State Art Museum of

Florida and is Administered by Florida State University The institution offers twenty @-@ one galleries of European paintings as well as Cypriot antiquities and Asian , American , and contemporary art . The museum 's art collection currently consists of more than 10 @,@ 000 objects that include a wide variety of paintings , sculpture , drawings , prints , photographs , and decorative arts from ancient through contemporary periods and from around the world . The most celebrated items in the museum are 16th- , 17th- , and 18th @-@ century European paintings , including a world @-@ renowned collection of Peter Paul Rubens paintings . The Ringling Museum collections constitute the largest university museum complex in the United States . In 2014 the Ringling was selected as the second most popular attraction in Florida by the readers of USAToday Travel .

In all , more than 150 @,@ 000 square feet (14 @,@ 000 m2) have been added to the campus , which includes the art museum , circus museum , and Cà d 'Zan , the Ringlings ' mansion , which has been restored , along with the historic Asolo Theater . New additions to the campus include the Visitor 's Pavilion , the Education , Library , and Conservation Complex , the Tibbals Learning Center complete with a miniature circus , and the Searing Wing , a 30 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot (2 @,@ 800 m2) gallery for special exhibitions attached to the art museum .

The Florida State University also maintains the FSU Museum of Fine Arts (MoFA) in Tallahassee . The MoFA permanent collection consists of over 4000 items in 18 sub @-@ collections ranging from pre @-@ Columbian pottery to contemporary art . The museum has a significant number of works of art on paper , including prints of artists as well known as Rembrandt and Pablo Picasso .

= = Athletics = =

The school 's athletic teams are called the Seminoles , derived from the Seminole people . The name was chosen by students in 1947 and is officially sanctioned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida ; the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma has taken no official position regarding the University 's use of the name . Florida State 's athletes participate in the NCAA 's Division I (Bowl Subdivision for football) and in the Atlantic Coast Conference .

For the 2014 ? 15 school year , the Florida State Athletics Department budgeted nearly \$ 87 million for its sports teams and facilities and currently brings in over \$ 121 @.@ 3 million in revenues . Florida State University is known for its competitive athletics in both men 's and women 's sports competitions . The men 's program consists of baseball , basketball , cross country running , football , golf , swimming , tennis , and track & field . The women 's program consists of basketball , cross country running , golf , soccer , softball , swimming , tennis , track & field , and volleyball . FSU 's Intercollegiate Club sports include bowling , crew , rugby , soccer and lacrosse . Harkins Field is an artificial turf field that is home to the lacrosse team as well as serving as the practice field for the Marching Chiefs of the College of Music and the football team .

There are two major stadiums and an arena within FSU 's main campus : Doak Campbell Stadium for football , Dick Howser Stadium for men 's baseball , and the Donald L. Tucker Center for men 's and women 's basketball . The Mike Long Track is the home of the national champion men 's outdoor track and field team . H. Donald Loucks courts at the Speicher Tennis Center is the home of the FSU tennis team . By presidential directive the complex was named in honor of Lieutenant Commander Michael Scott Speicher , a graduate of the Florida State University and the first American casualty during Operation Desert Storm . The Seminole Soccer Complex is home to women 's soccer . It normally holds a capacity of 1 @,@ 600 people but has seen crowds in excess of 4 @,@ 500 for certain games . The home record is 4 @,@ 582 for the 2006 game versus the University of Florida . The FSU women 's softball team plays at the Seminole Softball Complex ; the field is named for JoAnne Graf , the winningest coach in softball history .

Florida State 's traditional rivals in all sports include the University of Florida Gators , the University of Miami Hurricanes and the University of Virginia Cavaliers with a battle for the Jefferson @-@ Eppes Trophy . The Jefferson @-@ Eppes Trophy is exchanged between the University of Virginia and Florida State University after each football competition in recognition of the common roots shared by the two schools . Rivalries in some other sports also exist , including the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in baseball and the Duke University Blue Devils in basketball .

= = = Seminole baseball = = =

Seminole baseball is one of the most successful collegiate baseball programs in the United States having been to 20 College World Series , and having appeared in the national championship final on three occasions (falling to the University of Southern California Trojans in 1970 , the University of Arizona Wildcats in 1986 , and the University of Miami Hurricanes in 1999) . Under the direction of Head Coach No. 11 Mike Martin (FSU 1966) , Florida State is the second @-@ winningest program in the history of college baseball . Since 1990 , FSU has had more 50 win seasons , headed to more NCAA Tournaments (19 Regional Tournaments in 20 years) , and finished in the top 10 more than any team in the United States . Since 2000 , FSU is the winningest program in college baseball with more victories and a higher winning percentage in the regular season than any other school . For FSU baseball alumni who advanced into MLB , see list of Florida State University athletic alumni .

= = = Seminole football = = =

Florida State has won three national championships , eighteen conference titles and six division titles along with a playoff appearance . The Seminoles have achieved three undefeated seasons and finished ranked in the top five of the AP Poll for 14 straight years from 1987 through 2000 . The Florida State Seminoles are one of the 120 NCAA Division I FBS collegiate football teams in America . The first Florida State football team was fielded in the 1899 season and lasted until the 1904 season . The team went (7 ? 6 ? 1) over the 1902 ? 1904 seasons posting a record of (3 ? 1) against their rivals from the Florida Agricultural College in Lake City . In 1904 the Florida State football team became the first ever state champions of Florida after beating both the Florida Agricultural College and Stetson University . The football team and all male students subsequently moved to the newly opened University of Florida in Gainesville in 1906 as a result of the 1905 Buckman Act .

Under head coach Bobby Bowden , the Seminole football team became one of the nation 's most competitive college football teams . The Seminoles played in five national championship games between 1993 and 2001 and won the championship in 1993 and 1999 . The FSU football team was the most successful team in college football during the 1990s , boasting an 89 % winning percentage . Bobby Bowden would retire with the record for most all @-@ time career wins in Division I football . Jimbo Fisher succeeded Bowden as head coach in 2010 . FSU football is well known for introducing talented players into the NFL ; see list of Florida State University athletic alumni .

= = = Seminole track and field = = =

The FSU men 's Track & Field team won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship four times running , in addition to winning the NCAA National Championship three consecutive years . In 2006 Head Coach Bob Braman and Associate Head Coach Harlis Meaders helped lead individual champions in the 200 m (Walter Dix) , the triple jump (Raqeef Curry) , and the shot put (Garrett Johnson) . Individual runners @-@ up were Walter Dix in the 100 m , Ricardo Chambers in the 400 m , and Tom Lancashire in the 1500 m . Others scoring points in the National Championship were Michael Ray Garvin in the 200 m (8th) , Andrew Lemoncello in the 3000 m steeplechase (4th) , Raqeef Curry in the long jump (6th) , and Garrett Johnson in the discus (5th) . In 2007 , FSU won its second straight men 's Track & Field NCAA National Championship when Dix became the first person to hold the individual title in the 100 m , 200 m , and 400 m at the same time . Florida State has had 34 athletes compete at the Olympics in their respective events , most recently having ten athletes compete in the 2008 Beijing Olympics . Those athletes included Gonzalo Barroilhet (Chile) , Ricardo Chambers (Jamaica) , Refeeq Curry (USA) , Walter Dix (USA) , Brian Dzingai (Zimbabwe) , Tom Lancashire (England) , Andrew Lemoncello , (England) , Ngoni Makusha (

Zimbabwe) , Barbara Parker (England) , and Dorian Scott (Jamaica) . Walter Dix earned two bronze medals (100 m & 200m) at the Olympic games .

= = Notable alumni = =

The Florida State University currently has 341 @, @ 405 alumni as of April 2015 . Florida State alumni can be found in all 50 states and many countries all over the world . FSU has almost thirty college and university presidents who are alumni . This institution has produced eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives , numerous U.S. senators , numerous U.S. ambassadors , three governors , and over twenty generals and admirals for the United States military .

Florida State University graduates have served as the executive leaders of such diverse and important institutions as the United States Treasury , the Federal Trade Commission , the National Hurricane Center , Pfizer , Raytheon , University of Michigan , the United States Air Force Academy , the United States Military Academy , the State University System of Florida , and Washington University in St. Louis . In addition , FSU graduates have held leadership positions at the National Academy of Science , the United Nations , the United States Department of Defense , the New York Yankees , the Detroit Lions , the Los Angeles Raiders , the Jacksonville Jaguars , the Orlando Magic , Bank of America , Scottrade , Sandia Laboratories , NOAA , Columbia University , Omnicom Group , Outback Steakhouse , and General Electric .

Major corporations run by graduates include Flower Foods , the Federal Reserve Bank , Texaco , Deloitte & Touche , Welch 's , and the National Cancer Institute . Major regulatory bodies such as the General Services Administration , the Federal Reserve Bank and the American Council on Education have had Florida State University alumni at the helm in recent years .

Among the most notable individuals who have attended or graduated from the Florida State University are musicians Ellen Taaffe Zwillich , Marcus Roberts , Jim Morrison , Scott Stapp , and Mark Tremonti ; actors Burt Reynolds , Paul Gleason , Cheryl Hines , Traylor Howard and Robert Urich ; fitness guru Richard Simmons ; senators Thomas Gallen , Mel Martinez and Kay Hagan ; authors Charles Ghigna , Sharon Lechter and Dorothy Allison ; generals Frank Hagenbeck and Kenneth Minihan ; Maryland governor Parris Glendening and Florida governors Charlie Crist and Reubin Askew ; ecologist Thomas Ray ; astronauts Norman Thagard and Winston Scott ; reporters Stephanie Abrams and Jamie Dukes ; directors Colleen Clinkenbeard and Greg Marcks ; cartoonists Bud Grace and Doug Marlette ; congressmen Jason Altmire and Allen Boyd ; Vietnamese dissident Doan Viet Hoat ; sportscaster Lee Corso ; novelist Gwyn Hyman Rubio ; judges Susan Black and Ricky Polston ; scientists Sylvia Earle , Anne Rudloe and Eric J. Barron ; administrator and former POW Orson Swindle ; inventor Robert Holton ; lawyer Bruce Jacob ; mayors Teresa Jacobs , Art Agnos and John Marks ; congressional chiefs of staff Benjamin McKay and B. Dan Berger ; WWE superstars Michelle McCool and Ron Simmons ; television director Chip Chalmers ; television writer / producer Steven L. Sears ; playwright and television writer / producer Alan Ball ; British politician Mo Mowlam ; and Col. William Wood , the highest ranking United States military casualty in Iraq combat . In 1996 , Carla Gopher , daughter of FSU 's Westcott award winner Louise Gopher , became the first Seminole to graduate as a Seminole .

As a major competitor in college athletics , Florida State University has many notable student athletes , coaches and staff members . Many of the most notable members are listed in FSU 's Hall of Fame and represent all major collegiate sports . Currently , 75 FSU alumni compete in professional basketball , football , baseball and golf . In addition , FSU has produced three Heisman Trophy winners in Chris Weinke , Charlie Ward , and Jameis Winston . Other notable Florida State University alumni include golfers Jeff Sluman , and major champions Hubert Green , and 2008 Ryder Cup Captain Paul Azinger .