Seminole Creed
Values and Morals at Florida State University

The guiding ethical norm at FSU is responsible freedom. As a member of this community, I promise the following:

**Truthfulness**
I will be honest and truthful at all times and work for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University.

**Respect**
I will show respect for others, the University, the community, and myself.

**Excellence**
I will pursue excellence in my learning and living in the University and beyond.

**Freedom of Speech and Inquiry**
I will support academic freedom, including the right of dissent and freedom of speech.

**Diversity**
I will learn from and about those who are different and work to make the University inclusive.

**Justice**
I will treat others in a fair manner and strive to make the University a community of justice.

**Citizenship**
I will act as a responsible citizen in the University and beyond, participating in those activities fostering citizenship.

**Discovery**
I will take time for adventure, discovery, fun, excitement and friendship.

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**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT**

Florida State University is a comprehensive, national, graduate research university that puts research into action for the benefit of our students and society. Our extensive graduate programs and our law and medical schools enrich the graduate, professional and undergraduate experiences, making Florida State University a demanding and intellectually stimulating environment for students and faculty.

With an impressive breadth of programs, Florida State University has leading undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in a variety of fields. Some of the many programs that consistently rank among the top twenty-five at the nation’s public universities include those in Business, Chemistry, Creative Writing, Criminology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology,
Information, Law, Meteorology, Oceanography, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy, Sociology and Statistics. Our mission is to maximize the excellence in all our programs, with special emphasis on programs that already have earned national and international acclaim. Florida State University’s arts programs—including Dance, Film and Music—rank among the finest in the world.

At the Ph.D. level, notable research faculty provide a range of interdisciplinary offerings that transcend the traditional disciplines, including Neuroscience, Molecular Biophysics, Computational Science, Materials Science and research at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory.

Florida State provides world-class opportunities for graduate and professional students to:
- learn and conduct research with internationally recognized scholars;
- conduct research in specialized interdisciplinary centers, such as the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the Reading Research Center, the Institute of Molecular Biophysics and the School of Computational Science;
- participate in other interdisciplinary work across campus, such as efforts that integrate economics, geography, climate forecasting, law and other environmental courses and programs; and
- work with faculty to forge new relationships among professions, including medicine and information, the physical sciences and engineering, business and law, human sciences, nursing and social work.

Florida State provides extraordinary opportunities for undergraduate students to:
- select from nationally ranked programs, ranging from the basic sciences to the performing arts;
- build a strong liberal arts base for their chosen field of study;
- live and learn in residence halls designed around academic programs;
- study abroad at the finest centers in the world;
- participate in an Honors Program, ranked among the best in the country;
- interact with a diverse faculty including outstanding minority and women scholars; and
- study with some of the finest graduate and professional students and faculty in the nation.

Florida State University owes special allegiance to the citizens and taxpayers of the State of Florida. Florida State exists to:
- educate students from the diverse communities in Florida, the nation and the world in an environment that emphasizes research, inquiry, and excellence;
- identify, create, celebrate, and disseminate important knowledge;
- maximize the opportunities for its students;
- contribute to the economic development of the State of Florida and the nation;
- harness contributed dollars and contract and grant activity for the benefit of our students and society; and
- generate research that will benefit the citizens of Florida, the nation and the world

Goals: Our goal is to become recognized nationally and internationally for our teaching and research programs, including making significant progress towards the goal of being invited to become an AAU member institution.
- Enhance undergraduate education by recruiting, retaining and educating outstanding undergraduate students on a diverse campus.
- Promote excellence in undergraduate teaching by fostering a campus community of excellence. Promote excellence in graduate education and research.
- Encourage the dissemination and transfer of knowledge by providing broad access to institutional resources and services to the community and to the State.
- Promote and foster learning by maintaining and expanding facilities and technology.

FSU Panama Mission Statement

FSU Panama-Panama is a branch campus of the FSU Panama. Our purpose is to offer students from all over the world a chance to pursue a U.S higher education, at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, taught entirely in English, while living in Panama, exposing them to an international mix of cultures, life-styles and languages and to challenge all students to be learners, leaders and contributors.

The university seeks to attract faculty members who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching and a dedication to scholarly and creative activity, by encouraging participation in national and international professional gatherings.

To enhance intellectual life, the university maintains the best English language library in Panama, offering its members access to on-line and other resources from FSU's main campus.

To encourage health and teamwork, the university aims to provide a high quality athletics program with state of the art facilities.

To promote leadership students have the opportunity to stand for election to the university's Student Government Association, whose function is to protect student interests and promote campus life. By organizing clubs, students can pursue extra-curricular interests in the arts, politics, the environment and other fields, contributing to their personal and professional growth as citizens of the world.

To serve the Panamanian community the University provides an English Language Program, which hires qualified professionals in order to develop and deliver the instruction of English as a Second Language in the Republic of Panama. FSU Panama is committed to being a global learning institution (http://panama.fsu.edu/).
Division of Student Affairs’ Mission, Vision, Values & Strategic Goals

Mission
The Division of Student Affairs collaborates with students, faculty, and staff to create welcoming, supportive and challenging environments that maximize opportunities for student learning and success. Through high quality programs, the Division facilitates student development, celebrates differences, and promotes civic and global responsibility.

Vision
The Division of Student Affairs envisions a Florida State University where students, faculty and staff embrace the learning community with respect, responsibility and acceptance for all cultures. Our graduates will have character, competence and integrity in contributing to a diverse and international world. They will be capable of making ethical decisions and be committed to a life of service and leadership.

Values

Success: We promote student success and learning through the intellectual, physical, psychological, career, social and spiritual development of students.

Excellence: We strive to achieve excellence and professionalism in all programs and services and set high expectations.

Caring: We treat others as we want to be treated. We teach caring by example with consideration, sharing and kindness.

Integrity: We value high standards of ethical behavior. We demonstrate and expect responsibility and accountability in all community members.

Diversity: We honor the history, traditions and culture of all members of the university community and promote a nurturing environment. We celebrate diversity and the unique contributions of individuals.

Respect: We recognize the dignity, worth and individuality of all members of our community. We pursue an environment that is fair, open, and just.

Strategic Goals:
1. Prepare Leaders for Today and Tomorrow
2. Create a Culture of Learning
3. Build a Just Community
4. Optimize Organizational Performance
5. Maximize Resources
6. Healthy Campus 2010

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A History of FSU in Brief

(http://deanofstudents.fsu.edu/Student-Handbook/Information-About-FSU)

1851 Florida Legislature provided for two seminaries, one on each side of the Suwannee River.

1857 West Florida Seminary began operations on Gallows Hill in Tallahassee and is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida.

1880 First two diplomas were awarded.

1891 First Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded to seven graduates.

1897 Albert Alexander Murphree became president of the seminary. College Hall was built. (Currently the area where Westcott foundation is located)

1901 West Florida Seminary was renamed Florida State College.

1902 Florida State College football team won its first game by beating South Georgia Military Institute.

1905 Ruby Diamond graduated - later the auditorium in Westcott would be renamed for this distinguished alumna. Florida State College was re-designated as Florida Female College.

1907 Bryan Hall was built. Finest residence hall and oldest building on today’s campus.

Edward Conradi became president. The college was renamed Florida State College for Women. The school’s seal and colors were adopted.

1910 Westcott Building was erected.

1912 Rowena Longmire received the first honorary degree awarded by the college.

1913 Reynolds Hall was completed.

1915 Florida State College for Women became fully accredited and was admitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, the first state college for women to be recognized. Camp Flastacowo was established on Lake Bradford, known today as the FSU Reservation.

1917 Broward Hall was constructed, and named after Governor Napoleon B. Broward, the 19th governor of Florida.

1921 Jennie Murphree Hall was completed, and still is the only all female residence hall on campus.

1928 Gilchrist Hall was built. It was named for the 20th governor of Florida, Albert Wallen Gilchrist.

1929 The first bachelor degree in nursing was conferred at Florida State College for Women.

1930 Florida State College for Women became the third largest women’s college in the nation.
1935 Thanks to its scholastic strength, Florida State College for Women was awarded the first chapter in the state of Florida of Phi Beta Kappa national honor society.

1944 Enrollment was at its highest ever at Florida State College for Women - 2,227 students. For more information, please contact the Dean of Students at 850-644-2428 Available in Alternate Format upon Request 1 For more information, please contact the Dean of Students at 850-644-2428 Available in Alternate Format upon Request 2

1947 Florida State College for Women was re-designated as coeducational and renamed Florida State University.

FSU Flying High Circus was established.

The Seminole symbol and name were adopted.

FSU football played its first game - losing to Stetson 14-6.

1948 First Homecoming POW-WOW and parade.

1950 FSU had the only School of Government in the South.

1951 Future governor of Florida Reubin O’D. Askew graduated from FSU.

1957 Two Van de Graaf nuclear accelerators were installed at FSU and a program of graduate study and research began.

Robert Strozier became president of FSU.

1958 WFSU-TV began broadcasting.

1960 Gordon Blackwell became president of FSU.

1962 Maxwell Courtney was the first black student to enroll at FSU.

1965 John Champion became president of FSU.

1966 FSU College of Law was established.

FSU Overseas Study Center was opened in Florence, Italy.

FSU Distinguished Research Professor of Chemical Physics Dr. Robert S. Mulliken brought the university its first Nobel Prize.

1969 Enrollment at FSU was 17,000.

Stanley Marshall became president of FSU.

1976 The Bobby Bowden era began at FSU.

1977 Bernard Sliger became president of the university.

1985 Mildred and Claude Pepper Library opened at FSU.
1990 East campus residence halls were renovated.

1991 Dale Lick became president of FSU.

1993 FSU football won the National Championship, beating Nebraska in the Orange Bowl 18-16.

Talbot “Sandy“ D’Alemberte became president of FSU.

FSU chemists led by Professor Robert Holton achieved the first total synthesis of Taxol, a cancer fighting drug.

1995 The National High Magnetic Field Laboratory dedicated by Vice President Al Gore.

University Center opened. For more information, please contact the Dean of Students at 850-644-2428 Available in Alternate Format upon Request

1996 A team of FSU scientists was instrumental in the discovery of a subatomic particle, the top quark.

A national survey of dance educators named FSU department of dance the nation’s No. 2 dance program.

1999 FSU won the football national championship against Virginia Tech.

2001 FSU College of Medicine opened — the country’s first new medical school in a generation.

2003 T.K. Wetherell became president of FSU.

2005 First College of Medicine class graduated from a fully accredited college.

FSU enrollment was over 39,000.

2008 FSU King Life Sciences Building was completed.

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Florida State University has been in Panama since 1957 and is the second oldest university in the country. Its campus is located in the City of Knowledge, a unique environment of academic and research institutions located between the Panama Canal and the Camino de Cruces National Park - a rainforest of incredible beauty and one of the most biologically diverse on the planet.

FSU-Panama is a branch campus of Florida State University and its academic program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The University is also highly regarded in the Panamanian educational community: FSU Panama is a member of the Council of Rectors of Panama, and its programs are recognized by the Ministry of Education of Panama.

FSU Panama is a very diverse and vibrant educational community, offering students quality US-style education in a Latin American environment. Over 20 different countries are represented in its student body, creating a cultural and ethnic richness similar to that of large international campuses. The University offers students from Latin America the opportunity to begin their studies at its Panama campus and complete their majors at the main campus in Tallahassee with the advantage of paying in-state tuition. At the same time, FSU Panama is a study abroad destination for many US students who seek cultural enrichment while advancing in their academic path.

Florida State University Panama

Organizational Chart

(To download a copy of FSU Panama’s Organizational Chart: http://panama.fsu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=151&Itemid=141)