About Us

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.

Florida State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master’s, specialist, and doctoral degrees. Florida State University Panama is a branch campus of Florida State University located in Panama, Republic of Panama, and is dependent on the continued accreditation of the parent campus located in Tallahassee, Florida. The Panama, Republic of Panama, campus is evaluated during reviews for reaffirmation of accreditation.

Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida State University.

Florida State University offers 88 bachelors’ degree majors that can be started in Panama and completed at the main campus in Tallahassee.

Attending FSU- Panama and completing at our main campus in Tallahassee allows Latin-American students to receive a bachelor’s degree from one of the best universities in the United States at a fraction of the cost typically associated with the pursuit of a U.S. college education. All of our classes are in English.

Students can complete in Panama the Liberal Studies requirements, as well as certain pre-requisite courses, for all the majors offered at our main campus in Tallahassee, including those programs leading to careers in Engineering and Business.

Florida State University - Panama offers five (5) Bachelor’s degrees and one (1) Master’s degree that can be completed in the Republic of Panama branch campus without having to transfer to main campus in Tallahassee, Florida:

- International Affairs (BS)
- Environment & Society (BS)
- Latin American & Caribbean Studies (BS)
- Computer Science (BS or BA)
- Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (BS)
- Master of Science in International Affairs
LIBERAL STUDIES

The Liberal Studies curriculum is designed to ensure breadth in the students academic experience while at the same time offering flexibility in satisfying requirements. It comprises five areas of study that provide students with essential competencies and introduce the student to broad areas of knowledge. Students can complete their Liberal Studies entirely at FSU Panama and then choose one of the bachelor’s degrees offered on campus.

BUSINESS COURSES

FSU-Panama offers students interested in business the opportunity to complete business pre-requisites and a set of business core courses in Panama, and the courses related to their areas of concentration in Tallahassee. Areas of concentration include Accounting, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Real Estate, and Risk Management/Insurance. For more information check out the FSU Business webpage at www.cob.fsu.edu.

SCIENCE & MATH

The breadth of the Math and Science curriculum at FSU-Panama enables students to sample a wide variety of courses so they can fulfill the Liberal Studies requirement and prepare them for science and engineering majors, or a career in the medical sciences. In order to ensure the appropriate placement of students in their first Math courses, students may take a placement exam at the start of their first semester.
KEY: All degrees are shown in bold GARNET type. Majors or tracks within degree programs are in BLACK.
Students from Latin America and the Caribbean that plan to transfer to our main campus are eligible for the 2+2 Scholarship, after completing a minimum of 60 credit hours in our campus in Panama. This scholarship is based on academic performance and allows students to continue their studies at our main campus paying in-state tuition (an annual saving of approx. $15,000). Conditions of eligibility:

1. Be a citizen of a Latin American or Caribbean country.*
2. Be officially admitted as a regular degree-seeking student by FSU.
3. Complete at least 60 credit hours of course work at FSU-Panama within two years of being admitted (accelerated and transfer credits will not be counted into those 60 hours).
4. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) on all FSU coursework at the moment they transfer.
5. Complete the Liberal Studies requirements.

*Only eligible countries

U.S. CITIZENS

U.S. citizens attending FSU Panama can use *Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA), Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and Florida Pre-Paid, in order to cover some of the cost of their tuition. Upon transferring to the main campus, US citizens can be classified as “residents” for tuition purposes after completing 12 consecutive months of college course work at the FSU campus in the Republic of Panama, after the student has been formally admitted to the university. Eligible Veterans and their dependents can apply their educational benefits towards their tuition at FSU-Panama (Chapter 33, Chapter 35, etc.).

*Only for formally admitted students
ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

FALL 2020

Application Deadline for Fall 2020 ........................................... July 17, 2020
Mandatory Orientation for new students, ..................................... August 18, 2020
English placement test
Registration for new students ................................................. August 20-21st, 2020

FALL 2020 CLASSES: AUGUST 24 - DECEMBER 11, 2020

SPRING 2021

November 27, 2020 ......................................................... Application Deadline for Spring 2021
December 4, 2020 .......................................................... Mandatory Orientation for new students,
December 11, 2020 .......................................................... English placement test
December 7, 2020 ............................................................ Registration for new students
December 14, 2020

SPRING 2021 CLASSES: JANUARY 6 - APRIL 23, 2021

SUMMER 2021

Application Deadline for Summer 2021 ........................................ April 16, 2021
Mandatory Orientation for new students, ................................. May 4, 2021
English placement test
Registration for new students ................................................. May 6 - 7, 2021

SUMMER 2021 CLASSES:
- SESSION A: MAY 10 - JULY 30, 2021
- SESSION B: MAY 10 - JUNE 18, 2021
- SESSION C: JUNE 21 - JULY 30, 2021
FRESHMEN APPLICANTS

1. Apply for admission at panama.fsu.edu and pay the $100 application fee.

2. Submit the following:
   a. Official transcripts of the last four years of high school. If the original transcripts are issued in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by an official English translation.
   b. Copy of high school diploma.
   c. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores. (550 on paper-based; 80 on iBT; 6.5 on IELTS).
      i. Applicants can take the paper-based institutional TOEFL at our English Language Program.
      ii. Applicants who take the iBT need to send their scores directly to FSU (code 5203).
      iii. Citizens of countries where the official language is English are exempt from taking the TOEFL or IELTS, but must attach a copy of their passport to their application.
   d. Official SAT or ACT scores.
      i. Applicant who have taken either the SAT or ACT at the time of their application must request their test scores to be sent directly to FSU (SAT code is 5219 and ACT code is 0734).
      ii. Applicants who have not taken the SAT or ACT at the time of their application may enroll at FSU-Panama, but must take either one of these exams during their first or second semester of enrollment.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

In addition to the freshman admission requirements, transfer applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Official transcripts from each college and/or university attended (if in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation).

2. Official course-by-course evaluation of all academic records from each non-U.S. and/or university attended (no transfer credit from non-U.S. universities will be awarded unless an evaluation has been submitted). We recommend using any of the evaluating agencies listed in www.naces.org or ies.aacrao.org

For any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact fsupanama@fsu.edu or call +507 6710-3345.

Applicants should regularly monitor their application status by checking their e-mail.
**Tuition + Fees 2020-2021**

**Estimate Cost of Undergraduate Studies at FSU - Panama Campus**
(Covers two (2) semesters of 15 credit hours each)

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>$280 per credit hour (Tuition $115.08 and local fees $164.92)</td>
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*On-campus Housing is an optional service provided by FSU-Panama

**Estimated cost. We do not offer a 'meal plan'.

Note: Foreign students must obtain a Student Visa once in Panama.

For more information on Student Housing & Food, please contact the Housing Department at (507) 317-0367 ext. 224, or send an e-mail to mpuerta@admin.fsu.edu.
**TUITION + FEES**

2020-2021

Estimate Cost of Undergraduate Studies at

**FSU MAIN CAMPUS IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

(Covers two (2) semesters of 15 credit hours each)

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<td>Health Insurance**</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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*Students on the 2+2 Scholarship receive a $500.00 award per semester of enrollment, which is applied on their tuition/fees.

**Purchase of Health Insurance may be waived under certain conditions.

All costs are subject to change.
For those students choosing to live on-campus, FSU Panama offers the option of living in a supportive, close-knit residential college community at the university-managed “FSU Residence Hall”, which is within walking distance to all academic facilities and to all the service venues of the City of Knowledge.

Free transportation throughout the City of Knowledge is provided by buses that run every 15 minutes. There are bus stops in front of our residence hall and in front of our main campus building, where all classes are held. Also, the residence hall is within a five-minute walk to “La Plaza”, which is the main meeting point for the City of Knowledge community featuring a food court and several retail and service facilities including convenience stores, a drugstore, a health clinic, etc.

Housing students have access to a full kitchen and dining area where they can prepare their own food. Students also enjoy free parking at both, the residence hall and at our main campus.

Our rooms provide our guests with:

- Controlled entrance
- Air conditioning
- Hot water
- Cable Television
- Telephone
- Free Wi-Fi Access (throughout the complex)
- Garden view balcony
- Housekeeping service
- Valuables safe-deposit box
- Mini refrigerator

Services and amenities:

- Full kitchen with microwave, cooking range and fridge and refrigerator
- Shared use of sitting room (ground floor)
- Washer and dryer machines (ground floor)
- Accessibility for persons with physical disabilities (elevator)
- Free bus service within campus
- 24-hour campus security
- Live-in housing assistant

Cost per student
(One semester)

$2,700

For additional information on housing please contact:

mpuerta@fsu.edu

*Costs are subject to change
Florida State University – Panama campus offers students a pleasant and comfortable learning and living environment with necessary facilities such as computer labs, science labs, library, on-campus housing, bookstore/copy center, basketball court, as well as a cafeteria/recreation area.

**Laboratories**

Laboratory facilities for Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and supplies.

**Library & Bookstore**

The university’s library contains approximately 50,000 volumes, the largest English language collection in the Republic of Panama. It is connected to FSU’s main library system in Tallahassee, which makes over ten million volumes available to the students and enables them to carry out advanced research in all areas of study. At the bookstore, students can print documents and have copies made of materials that are not copyrighted. They can also purchase exclusive FSU merchandise.

**Student Lounge**

The university has a student lounge where students can spend their spare time, meet friends, and have a snack. The university cafeteria is located in the lounge and offers snacks, refreshments, breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. Additionally, the lounge includes a game room with a pool table, ping pong table, TV, and comfortable seating area with couches.
LEARNING CENTERS

FSU Panama has a Math Learning Center and an English Writing Center led by faculty members. Their mission is to assist in the enhancement of the student’s academic skills and aid students who are experiencing scholastic difficulties in English and Mathematics.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Through the process of academic advising, students receive individually tailored orientation regarding academic programs, course choices and career options. The academic advisors provide the students with information about academic policies and requirements, informs of changes in the University’s policies and curricula or in the student’s academic standing.

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

The goal of these Wellness Workshops is to deliver the tools our students need to build emotional strengths and resilience, handle stress, and develop healthy coping mechanisms.

LUNCH & LEARNS

Every other week, FSU Panama hosts a Lunch & Learn lead by a recognized guest speaker, who lectures our students on a particular subject of interest. Students get to enjoy some free food and learn something new.
FSU Panama encourages students to be active both inside and outside the classroom. At FSU Panama, you'll find a significant amount of student organizations such as the Student Government Association, Debate Club, Music Club, Environmental Club, Pride Club, Book Club, and Writing Refinement Club. The goal of these student organizations is to create an environment of openness and comfort that is conducive to learning and personal growth. They allow students to foster their social and physical development, academic achievements, and improve their overall college experience.

The primary focus of athletics at FSU Panama is to provide opportunities for students to participate in activities that are wholesome and competitive, as well as expose them to a variety of sports. Organized sports at FSU Panama include Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cayuco, Flag Football, and Frisbee. FSU Panama students also have free access to the Kiwanis Gym with their student ID card.

Every semester, different activities are planned which bring the student body and the university faculty and staff together in very relaxed, informal settings, creating a stronger university community. The events include Cookouts, Club Fairs and sports competitions.
TOP RANKINGS
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

TOP 20 AMONG THE BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT’S “BEST COLLEGES” GUIDEBOOK, 2020

1. Risk Management & Insurance - 1 of 4 Top Performers for risk management and insurance undergraduate curriculums in the U.S.
   Best Review, 2018

2. National High Magnetic Field Lab - Holds most world records for most powerful magnets on Earth. It is also the only national laboratory in the U.S.

2. The second most efficient school among national universities.
   Best Colleges, U.S. News & World Report, 2018

5. College of Fine Arts - Acting - Top 5 for BFA in Acting
   OnStage Blog, 2016-2017

7. Hospitality Management - ranked No. 7 in the U.S.
   Academic Ranking of World Universities

10. FSU is among the Top 10 most environmentally friendly campuses in America.
    College Magazine, 2019

13. College of Motion Picture Arts - Ranked No. 15 in the U.S.
    "Top 25 Film Schools", 2019

FAST FACTS
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

2+2 Scholarship for Latin American & Caribbean citizens

Savings of approximately $15,000 a year!

60+ YEARS
SECOND OLDEST UNIVERSITY in the Republic of Panama

25+
Countries represented on campus

TOP 5 MAJORS
Business Engineering
Computer Science
International Affairs
Psychology

50/50
female to male ratio

20:1
Student to Faculty ratio
JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NoleWorking

The “NoleWorking” program has been created by Florida State University - Panama to enable a group of selected companies to join and receive early and privileged access to our students and alumni, with the objective of identifying outstanding candidates for positions as interns or employees.

Work-Study Program

Students who are enrolled full time and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above, could be eligible to work part-time for a minimum of 15 hours to a maximum of 20 hours per week, in FSU Panama departments like the Laboratories, Reception, Marketing, Math Learning Center, Library, Bookstore, and English Language Program. Students in the program receive payment for the amount of hours worked during any given semester.
FSU Panama offers an English non-degree curriculum administered by the English Language Program (ELP). It is a 15 level program. The first 9 levels are designed to develop the student's skills in writing, reading, grammar, listening and conversation. The methodology used is multidimensional and projects total contact; It includes activities such as dramatization, listening comprehension (through audio, video and CD Rom) in conjunction with exercises and vocabulary games specially designed to stimulate interaction between class members. Levels 10 to 15 emphasize those skills aimed at academic success: reading, writing, taking notes, research techniques, oral presentation, and use of the library.

ELP offers TOEFL and SAT preparation courses and administers the institutional (paper-based) TOEFL on a regular basis.

The FSU English program is designed to reinforce the English language education that students receive in their schools' academic programs, to better prepare them by the time they graduate high school.

FSU English courses are being currently offered at Instituto Justo Arosemena (IJA) targeted towards 10th, 11th, and 12th, grade students from all schools in the Republic of Panama.
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