FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA CAMPUS
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
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.

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.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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**.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
- Actuarial Science
- Anthropology
- Biochemistry
- Biological Science
- Cell & Molecular Biology
- Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Science
- Marine Biology
- Physiology and Neuroscience
- Plant Sciences
- Professional Health Services
- Zoology
- Biology/FSU-Teach
- Chemical Science
- Chemical Sciences/FSU-Teach
- Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Classics
- Classical Archaeology
- Classical Civilizations
- Classics and Religion
- Greek
- Latin
- Latin and Greek
- Computational Biology
- Computational Biology-Computer Science
- Computational Biology-Biology
- Computer Science
- Computer Science (BS or BA)★
- Computer Programming and Applications
- Cyber Criminology
- Cyber Criminology-Computer Science
- Cyber Criminology-Criminology
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Chinese/Business
- Chinese and Japanese
- Chinese Language and Culture
- Japanese/Business
- Japanese Language and Culture
- English
- English, Writing, and Media
- Creative Writing
- Literature, Media & Culture
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Science: Environmental Science & Policy
- Environmental Science/FSU-Teach
- French
- French
- French/Business
- French & German
- French & Italian
- French & Russian
- French & Spanish
- Geology
- German
- German/Business
- German & Italian
- German & Russian
- German & Spanish
- Greek
- History
- Interdisciplinary Humanities
- Humanities
- Women's Studies

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
- Accounting
- Finance
- Management
- Human Resource Management
- Management (General)
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Marketing
- Professional Services
- Professional Sales
- Retail Management
- Real Estate
- Risk Management/Insurance

### COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION
- Communication & Digital Media
- Studies
- Digital Media Production
- Media/Communication Studies
- Professional Communications
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Communication Science & Disorders
- Information Technology
- Information Communication and Technology
- Information Technology

### COLLEGE CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- Computer Criminology
- Computer Crime/Criminology
- Criminology

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
- Elementary Education
- English Education
- Social Science Education
- Special Education
- Exceptional Student Education
- Sport Management
- Visual Disabilities
- Visual Disabilities Education
- Visual Disabilities Studies

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical-Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical-Materials Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental Engineering: Civil
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

### COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
- Dance
- History and Criticism of Art
- Art History
- Interior Architecture and Design Studio Art (BA or BFA)
- Theatre
- Acting
- Music Theatre-Theatre
- Theatre

### COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES
- Athletic Training
- Dietetics
- Exercise Physiology
- Exercise Science
- Family & Child Sciences
- Food & Nutrition
- Food & Nutrition Science

### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
- Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences
- Community Patient Care
- Health Management, Policy & Information
- Clinical Professions

### COLLEGE OF MUSIC
- Music Education
- Choral Music
- Instrumental Music
- General Music
- Liberal Arts in Music
- General Music
- Commercial Music
- Jazz
- Sacred Music
- Music Performance
- Guitar
- Harp
- Jazz
- Organ
- Piano
- String
**SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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 credits through the IB, AP, or CLEP exams, and transfer credits will not be counted into those 60 hours).
4. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) on all FSU coursework at the moment they transfer and maintain it during their 2 years at the main campus. Transfer coursework cannot be used to raise GPA.
5. Complete the Liberal Studies requirements before transferring to the main campus

*Only eligible countries

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

FSU Republic of Panama campus offers a local payment plan which allows students to pay their semester tuition in three or four portions. Panamanian citizens and legal residents of Panama may request an IFARHU loan or apply for an IFARHU scholarship both FSU Panama and FSU main campus tuition/fees. For more information about any of these options, please contact us at rop-admissions@fsu.edu
The following financial support options are available to eligible US citizens, and they can be used towards the FSU Panama cost of attendance: Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)*, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, Florida Pre-Paid (FPP), and Veterans benefits.

Dual citizens (US and Panama) may also be eligible to request an IFARHU loan or apply for an IFARHU scholarship for both FSU Panama and FSU main campus tuition/fees.

Additionally, FSU Panama offers the installment plan, which allows students to pay their semester tuition in three or four portions.

For more information about any of these options, please contact us at rop-admissions@fsu.edu.

* Students must have been admitted as degree-seeking.

FSU TALLAHASSEE

Non-Florida US citizens that transfer from FSU Panama to FSU Tallahassee campus may be classified as “Florida Residents” for tuition purposes, if they have lived in the Republic of Panama and have attended FSU Panama for at least 12 consecutive months. Students will need to be formally admitted as degree-seeking prior to their transfer semester.
**ACADEMIC YEAR**

2021-2022

**FALL 2021**

- Application Deadline for Summer 2021: July 16, 2021
- Mandatory Orientation for new students, English placement test: August 17, 2021
- Registration for new students: August 19-20, 2021

**FALL 2021 CLASSES: AUGUST 23 - DECEMBER 10, 2021**

**SPRING 2022**

- October 29, 2021: Application deadline for Spring 2022
- December 3, 2021: Mandatory Orientation for new students, English placement test
- December 17, 2021: Registration for new students

**SPRING 2022 CLASSES: JANUARY 5 - APRIL 29, 2022**

**SUMMER 2022**

- Application deadline for Summer 2022: April 15, 2022
- Mandatory Orientation for new students, English placement test: May 3, 2022
- Registration for new students: May 5 - 6, 2022

**SUMMER 2022 CLASSES:**
- **SESSION A:** MAY 9 - JULY 29, 2022
- **SESSION B:** MAY 9 - JUNE 17, 2022
- **SESSION C:** JUNE 20 - JULY 29, 2022
**HOW TO APPLY**

Go to panama.fsu.edu → Create an FSU/EMPLID → Fill out application form and submit supporting documents → Pay application fee → Check your e-mail for admission status

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**FRESHMEN APPLICANTS**

1. Apply for admission at [panama.fsu.edu](http://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](http://www.naces.org) or [ies.aacrao.org](http://ies.aacrao.org).

For any further questions or concerns, feel free to contact [fsupanamaefsu.edu](mailto:fsupanamaefsu.edu) or call +507 6710-3345.

Applicants should regularly monitor their application status by checking their e-mail.
Estimate Cost of Undergraduate Studies at

FSU - PANAMA CAMPUS
(Covers two (2) semesters of 15 credit hours each)

Cost of Attendance (30 credit hours) .............................................. $8,400
$280 per credit hour (Tuition $115.08 and local fees $164.92)

Application fee (first semester only) ............................................. $100

Technology / Recreation Fee ($125 per semester) ......................... $250

Health services ($20 per semester) ................................................ $40

COST OF ATTENDANCE .......................................................... $8,790
(without housing and food)

Housing* .................................................. $5,400

Food** .................................................. $2,000

ESTIMATED HOUSING & FOOD ........................................... $7,400

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE ..................................... $16,190

*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.
## 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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*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

*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.

**L A B O R A T O R I E S**

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

**L I B R A R Y & B O O K S T O R E**

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.

**S T U D E N T L O U N G E**

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
F L O R I D A  S T A T E  U N I V E R S I T Y

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.

3. Interior Architecture & Design - Second best program among public schools, and No. 5 nationally. - Design Intelligence "America’s Best Architectural & Design Schools", 2019

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. and No. 18 in the world - Academic Ranking of World Universities

8. Florida State University is among the Top 10 most environmentally friendly campuses in America - College Magazine, 2019

10. Hospitality Management - ranked No. 7 in the U.S., and No. 18 in the world - Academic Ranking of World Universities

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

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

FAST FACTS
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

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

Savings of approximately $15,000 a year!

Scholarship for Latin American & Caribbean citizens
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.

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.
El Programa de Inglés para Adultos está dirigido a estudiantes mayores de 17 años de edad que deseen mejorar su manejo del idioma. El programa completo consiste de 12 niveles de enseñanza. El estudiante empieza en el nivel correspondiente a sus conocimientos del idioma, determinado por una prueba de ubicación administrada al inicio del programa.

El Programa Juvenil de inglés está dirigido a estudiantes de entre 15 y 18 años de edad que deseen mejorar su manejo del idioma. El programa completo consiste de 9 niveles de enseñanza, con una duración de 9 semanas cada uno. El estudiante empieza en el nivel que corresponde a sus conocimientos del idioma, determinado mediante una prueba de ubicación antes de ingresar al programa.

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