

4 YEAR FLIGHT PLAN:
BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a Concentration in _____
For students who entered prior to Fall 2015.
 Students who entered Fall 2015 or later [click here](#)

FAU is committed to your success as a student. One way we define student success is efficient and effective progression through your degree program.

This Flight Plan is a tool to assist you in planning the courses you should complete and the milestones you should reach during your undergraduate studies so you may graduate on time. It is our intention that you complete this planning tool in *collaboration with your academic advisor* to ensure good understanding of:

- Which graduation requirements you have satisfied
- Which Honors College Core and elective courses will best help you explore your interests and future goals or develop new interests
- How to balance coursework with your other responsibilities and activities (e.g., employment, mentored research, study abroad, student organizations)
- How to get the most from your academic experience at FAU

Your academic advisor will help you customize and maintain your final Flight Plan during the next four years so that you stay on track for success at FAU's Honors College. In order to graduate on time, you will need to:

- Complete an average of 30 credit hours per year, less any college credit you enter FAU with
- Earn 120 credit hours, at least 45 in the upper division (3000 or 4000 level)
- Earn at least 9 credit hours in summer coursework (or equivalent)

The Honors College provides individual advising from faculty and so this Flight Plan is meant only to be a general guide. The Faculty advisor is assigned initially during Orientation but students are free to change their faculty advisor by completing a change of advisor form, [available online](#).

Students should not feel bound by this generic plan if they and their faculty advisor have developed a different plan that better suits their particular needs. Your advisor will help you identify what additional milestones apply to you, as well as help prepare you for a graduate program if that is your goal. In addition, students should use MyFAU to run a DARS audit of their coursework to confirm what requirements they still need to meet. If you have any questions at all about your FAU Flight Plan, feel free to contact any of the following individuals for assistance. They are here to help!

Your Academic Advising Professionals

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IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Honors College students are required to maintain an FAU cumulative GPA of at least **3.0** to remain eligible for their Honors College scholarships. You must maintain a minimum **2.0** GPA each semester to be in good academic standing.
2. To receive your Honors College scholarship you must be full-time (**minimum 12 credits/semester**) in the Honors College. You should have your advisor's prior approval when taking courses outside the Honors College.
3. Students with an out-of-state tuition waiver must maintain a **3.3** FAU Cumulative GPA to retain the waiver.

YEAR 1			
Semester : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit	Milestones	Milestones	Advising Tips
IDS 1022 Honors Forum	1	1. Transfer students who are juniors should declare their concentration at the start of or during their 1 st Semester at the Honors College. All students should declare their concentration as soon as they have a good idea of it—you can always change it later. Declare your concentration online . Fill out the form using the drop down menu feature, then print out and submit to the Director of Academic Support in HC 132. You do not need to include a copy of your transcript.	1. Meet with your faculty advisor during orientation. Be sure you receive credit for qualifying transfer/IB/AP and other college-level work. 2. Take placement exams for math and foreign language (online) 3. The purpose of the HC Core (the equivalent of FAU's 'IFP') is to encourage students to explore different areas, including those with which they may have no prior familiarity. Some freshmen might consider selecting courses for the Core that are also "gateways" to a possible concentration, as a way of deciding upon their eventual concentration. Gateway courses often satisfy a core requirement. 4. Students who know they are Pre-med or who plan on concentrating in an area that requires a large number of credit hours (such as Biology, Chemistry, Biological Chemistry) should talk with their advisor to ensure that they are on track in the particular concentration. Premeds typically take a math and 2 science courses each semester of year 1. 5. Non-sciences students who will not need calculus often choose to fulfill Math core requirements with MGF 1107 (Math for Liberal Arts) and STA 2023 (Statistics); and often choose to fulfill Science requirements with BSC 1005/L (Life Sciences with Lab) and CHM 1020 (Contemporary Chemical Issues), which are designed for non-science majors. 6. Students coming in with AP/IB/AICE or other college credit that satisfies Core requirements may begin taking more advanced coursework. 7. Meet with your advisor prior to advance registration for Spring. Check to see that you have no holds that would keep you from registering. Registration times are based on credit hours completed. 8. Create a student profile in OWL CareerLink; and consider completing Major Knowledge , a career interest assessment, and bringing the results to your advising appointment.
Natural Science (with lab) or Math	3-4		
Introductory Language (or CLEP test). Pre-meds may consider taking an additional science course and take Foreign Language in a later year	4		
ENC 1123 and a Core course (in SBA, CIV, Lit, or Arts) or two core courses (one of which might be a WAC course, or for Pre-meds, a math course)	6		
Total	14-15		
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities: 1. Consider joining a student club. 2. Be sure to check your FAU email regularly. Every Monday you will receive an email from the Honors College with information about events, internship and scholarship opportunities, and other important news. 3. Take advantage of free tutoring. Hours are posted online at the beginning of each semester.			

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Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Natural science course (with lab if needed)	3-4	1. Complete at least 1 WAC course	1. Meet with your faculty advisor prior to advance registration. 2. You need not declare your concentration until spring semester of your sophomore year. Indeed, freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to consider courses without prereqs in different concentrations to discover where their interests lie. However, if you have a good idea of what it will be, declare it using the online form (you can always change it later): http://www.fau.edu/registrar/ChangeOfMajor.php . Fill out the form using the drop down menus, then print out and submit to the Director of Academic Support in HC 132. You do not need to include a copy of your transcript. 3. Be sure to take advantage of free tutoring, the writing
Introductory language (2)	4		
Math course	3-4		
Core course (SBA, CIV, Lit, Arts)	3		
Total	13-15		
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:			
Semester___: (X) Summer () Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Core course, elective, or Critical Inquiry (team-taught) seminar	3		1. Students must complete a total of 9 credit hours of courses at FAU or another university in Florida's SUS during their summer semesters in order to graduate, so plan for this. Summer courses typically condense 15 weeks of material into just 6 weeks. Students who take courses at the Boca Raton campus over the summer are encouraged to take courses that are not normally offered at the Honors College.
Total	3		
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:			

YEAR 2			
Semester : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Courses to fulfill Core: SBA, CIV, Lit, Arts; and/or course(s) that satisfy the International, Environmental Studies, or Critical Inquiry Seminars requirements; and introductory courses in your potential concentration	12		1. Internships can be done as early as freshman year (though this is rare) and as late as your senior year. Explore internship opportunities through the Honors College internship webpage and OWL Career Link. 2. Meet with your faculty advisor prior to advance registration for Spring. Be sure you have no holds that will keep you from registering for classes. 3. If you are still deciding on your concentration, take courses that will help you decide. 4. Attend an information session on study abroad if you are considering this for next summer or your junior year. For more information go to http://www.fau.edu/goabroad/ 5. Students with an outstanding academic record should consider applying for scholarships such as the Goldwater (science), NSEP/Boren, or Udall (environmental studies). See http://www.fau.edu/honors/academics/prestige-scholarships.php
Natural science (without lab) or Math (depending on which you have yet to complete)	3		
Total	15		
Balance/Other Commitments & Activities: Consider a leadership or club activity and/or community service activities.			

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Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones	Advising Tips
Courses to fulfill Core: SBA, CIV, Lit, Arts; and/or elective, critical inquiry seminar, international, or environmental study courses	9	1. Meet with your faculty advisor prior to registration and discuss study abroad or internship plans and your concentration, if you have not already declared it. 2. Verify with your advisor that you will have completed the Honors College Core (SBA/CIV/Lit/Arts/Math/NatScience) by the end of the semester. 3. Verify with your advisor that you will have completed your foreign language, WAC, international, and environmental requirements before you intend on graduating. 4. Verify with your advisor that you are on track to complete the requirements in your major/concentration over the next two years.
Courses in your tentative concentration, or electives	6	
Total	15	

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

Semester____: (X) Summer () Fall () Spring		
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones	Advising Tips
Core, elective, team-taught, internship, or concentration course	3	1. As you plan for years 3 and 4, remember that you will need to take 45 credits of upper level (3000 or 4000) courses to graduate. 2. The Internship requirement is a minimum of three credits and 120 hours (or 180 hrs for a paid internship). Students must complete an online internship proposal form prior to registering for the internship at: http://www.fau.edu/honors/academics_internships_studyabroad.php In lieu of an internship, students can complete a study abroad program of at least 5 weeks and 3 credits. 3. For International Studies and Latin American Studies majors make sure that your study abroad is a full-summer term or full semester in your primary area of study. Study abroad or internships may be completed during the summer between junior and senior years or during a junior year semester(s), or earlier.
Total	3	

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

YEAR 3

Semester : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones		Advising Tips
Critical inquiry (team-taught) seminar	1-3	1. Sophomore writing portfolio feedback will be provided.	1. Meet with your academic advisor prior to advance registration. Make sure you have no holds that will keep you from registering. 2. Talk to your advisor to ensure you are taking all the coursework you will need eventually to write your honors thesis. 3. Follow the recommendations in your sophomore writing portfolio report such as taking additional writing courses or visiting the writing center. 4. Attend graduate school/career fairs. 5. Outstanding students should consider applying for the Goldwater (Science), NSEP/Boren (study abroad), Truman (economics, public policy, law), or Udall (Environmental studies) Prestige scholarships: see http://www.fau.edu/honors/academics/prestige-scholarships.php
Distribution elective	3		
Courses in the concentration	6		
Research Methods course in the concentration (if required)	1-3		
Any remaining core or graduation requirement or a free elective	3		
Total	14-16		

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

Semester : () Summer () Fall (X) Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones		Advising Tips
Critical inquiry (or team-taught) seminar	1-3	1. Select a thesis topic, thesis advisor, and 2 nd reader. Submit thesis proposal form (online). 2. Do preliminary degree audit with Director of Academic Support (David Flanigan) to ensure you have met core/graduation requirements prior to your senior year.	1. Meet with your academic advisor prior to advance registration. Be sure that you will have at least 45 credits of upper level coursework. 2. Be sure you have 2 WAC courses not counting thesis. These courses will provide the other 2 WAC coursework for most students. 3. Visit with career counselors for job search or graduate school planning. 4. Outstanding students should consider applying for Prestige scholarships for grad study: deadlines begin as early as September of senior year. See http://www.fau.edu/honors/academics/prestige-scholarships.php 5. Think about which faculty you will ask to write letters of recommendation next fall. 6. Premeds: register and make profiles with AMCAS/AACOMAS
Courses in the concentration	12		
Total	13-15		

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

Semester : (X) Summer () Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours	Milestones		Advising Tips
Internship or study abroad or other course	3	1. Complete the internship or study abroad requirement 2. Begin research on your honors thesis 3. Take MCAT/LSAT/GRE and begin application process for med/law/graduate school.	1. For internships, submit an online form prior to advance registration for the term of your internship, if possible. 2. For study abroad, plan well ahead by contacting FAU's 'Go Abroad' office: http://www.fau.edu/goabroad/
Total	3		

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YEAR 4

Semester : () Summer (X) Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Honors Thesis	3	1. Finalize outline of thesis and begin writing chapters such as literature review. Turn in materials to <i>both</i> your thesis advisor <i>and</i> the second reader.	1. Meet with your Academic Advisor prior to advance registration. 2. If you have satisfied all your Core/Concentration requirements but still need courses to meet the 120 credit requirement, consider taking courses that are of interest to you—you may not have another opportunity once you graduate to enrich yourself in this way. 3. Continue job/graduate school planning including attendance of job/graduate school fairs; ask faculty for letters of recommendation, giving them sufficient time to meet deadlines.
Remaining core/graduation requirements or electives	3-6		
Concentration courses	6-9		
Critical inquiry seminar (if needed)	1		
Total	13-16		

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities: Submit applications to graduate and professional programs.

Semester___: () Summer () Fall (X) Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
Honors Thesis	3	1. Present thesis research at the Research Symposium in April (invite family and friends to attend) 2. Do final degree audit with David Flanigan and apply to graduate. By this time you should have completed at least 120 credit hours, 45 of which are upper-level. 3. Submit signed thesis 3 days prior to graduation and ensure all forms related to the thesis are submitted: see http://www.fau.edu/honors/academics/honors-theses.php 4. Complete exit survey and notify Honors College of future plans	
Remaining core/graduation requirements (if any) or elective	3		
Concentration courses	6-9		
Critical inquiry seminar (if needed)	1		
Total	13-16		

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

Semester___: (X) Summer () Fall () Spring			
Courses and Credit Hours		Milestones	Advising Tips
		Finish any incomplete coursework that may have prevented you from graduating at the end of spring semester.	
Total			

Balance/Other Commitments & Activities:

You and your advisor will customize your Flight Plan and update it as necessary as you progress through your program.

More Information

Honors College Academic Information
<http://www.fau.edu/honors/academics.php>

Student Policies, Services, and Resources (Handbook):
<http://www.fau.edu/handbook/>

Registration, Transcripts, Forms, Student Records:
<http://www.fau.edu/registrar/>

Academic Support (Center for Teaching and Learning, Writing Center, Undergraduate Research):
<http://www.fau.edu/ctl/>

Student Financial Aid, Other Financial Services:
<http://www.fau.edu/finaid/>

Students with Disabilities:
<http://osd.fau.edu/>

Student Life (Housing, Events & Organizations, Wellness, Counseling, Leadership, Military Affairs, etc.):
<http://www.fau.edu/student/SADepts.php>

Career Development Center:
<https://www.fau.edu/cdc/students/undergraduate/student.php>

Tips for Success

- Meet with your faculty advisor at least once a semester.
- Monitor your progress in your courses; “check-in” with your instructors regularly!
- Check your degree audit every semester.
- Stay aware of important deadlines.
- Take advantage of resources FAU and the Honors College has made available to you to help you succeed on your flight, such as tutoring, office hour visits, and the writing center.

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