#### FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY



# **Spring 2023 Pre-arrival Orientation**

International Student Services

Global FAU



30,000+ students







184,000+ alumni





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### Today's Agenda

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## MyFAU Portal (https://myfau.fau.edu)

#### LOGIN TO YOUR FAU NET ID

#### STEP 1: Website Link

Visit myfau.fau.edu and click on "MYFAU"



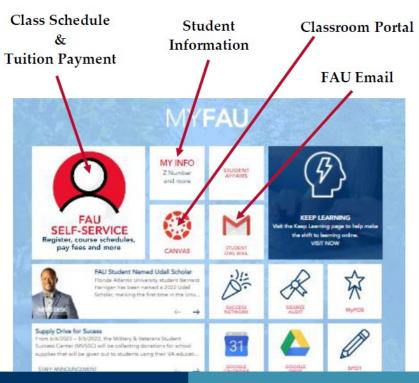
#### STEP 2: Use your FAU Account Credentials

☐ Don't Remember Login

Use your FAUNet ID provided via email and the new password you created previously.

LOGIN TO MYFAU	
Sign in with your FAUNet ID	
FAUNET ID	
Password	
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#### STEP 3: FAU Student Account Portal





## **Hold Removal before Registering for Classes**

To View Your Current Holds...

- 1. Log in to your MyFAU account
- 2. Select FAU Self Service
- 3. Select **Student Services**
- 4. Select Student Records
- 5. Select View Holds
- 6. Contact the appropriate office to resolve any holds listed here



### **Common Holds in Your Account**

• <u>Immunization Hold</u> – Review the requirement at <a href="https://www.fau.edu/student/immunization/">https://www.fau.edu/student/immunization/</a> and upload your records to <a href="https://www.fau.edu/student/immunization/">Medicat</a>

(It will take up to 5 business days for your documents to be reviewed, and a further day for the immunization hold to be removed.)

- <u>International Student Hold</u> Register for International Student Orientation and Immigration Check-In here: <u>https://www.fau.edu/global/international/orientation-checkin/</u>
- <u>FAU Alert & Statement of Responsibility Holds</u> You'll be prompted to complete these electronic forms when you are ready to register for classes. The holds will be removed immediately after completion.
- <u>UAS Academic Advising</u> You must see freshman advisor. Contact University Advising Services at <a href="https://www.fau.edu/uas/">https://www.fau.edu/uas/</a>
  to make an appointment.
- <u>Transcript Hold</u> This hold does not prevent you from registering for classes in your first semester. You may submit the official transcripts by email, via mail, or in-person. It must be in a sealed envelop.



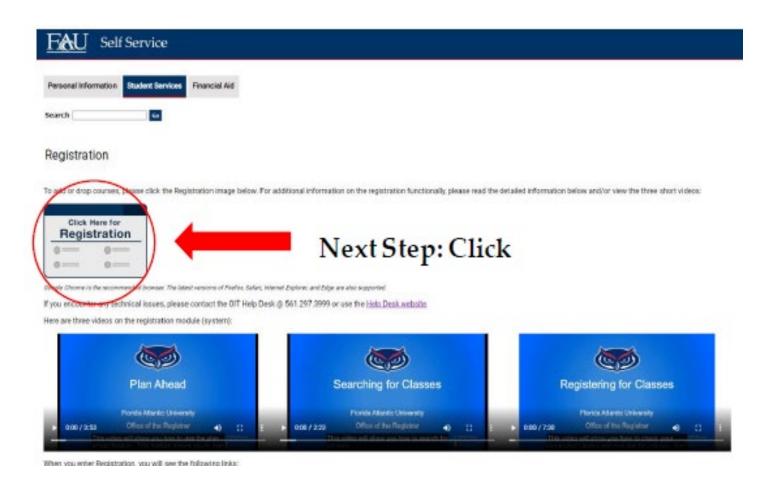
## **How to Search for and Register for Classes**

Once you have resolved any holds, you can register for classes by following these steps:

- 1. Log in to your MyFAU account
- 2. Select FAU Self Service
- 3. Select Student Services
- 4. Select Registration
- 5. Select Registration (Add or Drop Classes)
- 6. Click on the box that says "Click Here for Registration"
- 7. Select Register for Classes
- 8. Select the term that you want to register for and click Continue
- 9. You can register for classes using the searchable schedule, entering the CRN, or from a registration plan (Plan Ahead)
- 10. After searching for classes, select the **Add** Course button



## Registration instructions and tutorial videos are available <u>here</u>





### **Prepare for U.S. Arrival**

 Highly recommend to arrive at least one week early to attend mandatory International Orientation and immigration check-in.

#### Mandatory International Orientation (in-person)

- Tuesday, January 3, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 4, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- BU120 (College of Business)

#### Mandatory Immigration Check-in (virtual, only can be done after arrival)

- Immigration Check-in is the process by which an international student advisor checks that your immigration documents show the correct status.
- Thursday, January 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Friday, January 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- https://fau-edu.zoom.us/j/88954348526?pwd=YWQ1eVFhREd4dGlub1Y1T1pXZVpHdz09



## **Last Day to Arrive and University's Important Deadlines**

Spring 2023	
Classes Begin	Saturday, January 7
Last Day to Arrive	Thursday, January 12 (must be enrolled in courses and in communication with professors)
Last Day to Add/Drop Class	Friday, January 13, by 5 p.m.
Last Day to Pay without Late Fees	Tuesday, January 17, by 5 p.m.  *Pay at least 3-5 business days early if paying by Flywire

• If you are arriving later than January 7, 2023, please complete and submit <u>a Letter</u> Request Form to request a Late Arrival Letter.



## **Documents to Bring When Entering the U.S.**

- Valid passport
   \*must be valid for at least next 6 months at the time of travel
- F1 visa stamp
- Original I-20 signed on the first page
- I-901 (SEVIS fee payment receipt)
- Admission Letter
- Class registration Information (recommended)
- Proof of Funding (recommended)



## **International Airports near FAU**

FAU Boca Campus is readily accessible from the three international airports below:

- Palm Beach International Airport (PBI)
   24 miles away from FAU Boca campus
- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)
   27 miles away from FAU Boca campus
- Miami International Airport (MIA)
   48 miles away from FAU Boca campus





### **Get to FAU Guides**

- www.get2fau.com is a website that provides information for getting around our community using public transit. The site also includes information for an "emergency ride home."
- Travel and Transportation Guide to FAU Boca <u>Campus</u> is a guide that focus mainly ground transportation from the airports to FAU Boca campus.



**BOCA RATON CAMPUS** 

777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431 click here

#### DAVIE CAMPUS

South Florida Education Center 3200 College Ave., Davie, FL 33314 click here

#### FORT LAUDERDALE CAMPUS

111 East Las Olas Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 click here

#### JOHN D. MACARTHUR CAMPUS (JUPITER)

5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458

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## **Housing Arrangement (On-campus Housing)**

- On-campus housing is typically prioritized for undergraduate students.
- The Spring housing contract has closed. Students who have not completed a spring housing contract may add themselves to the wait list. Wait List students will be notified if spaces become available and invited to complete a housing contract.
- If you already had completed a housing contract, please see the important dates below:

On-campus Housing Important Dates		
December 7 – January 4	Housing assignment information is emailed to new spring residents on a weekly basis. You must be registered for spring classes to receive a housing assignment.	
January 5 - 7	Move-In for new spring residents.	



## **Off-campus Housing**

Local off campus housing is extremely limited, so it's important to start making your arrangements now.

- FAU Off-Campus Housing Website: <a href="https://offcampushousing.fau.edu/">https://offcampushousing.fau.edu/</a>
- Off-Campus Housing Resources Guide: <a href="https://www.fau.edu/global/international/documents/off-campus-housing-resources.pdf">https://www.fau.edu/global/international/documents/off-campus-housing-resources.pdf</a>



## **Temporary Housing**

FAU does not offer temporary housing facilities. If your housing is not ready upon your arrival, you can stay in a hotel, AirBnB, or VRBO. To ensure availability, make your reservations early.

#### Hotels

- Some hotels close to campus offer FAU rates. When making your reservation, call the hotel directly and inquire about the FAU rate: <u>FAU Hotel Rates</u>
- There are many other hotels in the area to choose from as well: <u>Hotel Search</u>

#### AirBnB & VRBO

Both AirBnB and VRBO offer short term house, apartment, or condo rentals.

Use the below search criteria when searching for temporary housing. The zip code is recommended for options closest to campus.

City/State: Boca Raton, FL or

Zip Code: 33431



#### Get a U.S. Phone Number

- Free/temporary SIM card is available at the ISS office. This SIM card will need to be
  activated online. You will need to download the app for iPhone or Andriof on your unlocked
  phone or go to <u>campussims.com</u> and immediately you will have a U.S. phone number with
  a basic plan free for the first month.
- In case you do not like Mint Mobile and want to switch to another phone carrier, most carriers will let you keep your number when switching. Some common phone carriers: AT&T and Verizon
- The ISS office is working on inviting AT&T representative attend the International Orientation on January 3 and 4 so students will have the opportunity to set up a U.S. phone number on site.



### **More Resources**

- Pre-arrival Information: <a href="https://www.fau.edu/global/international/new-student/">https://www.fau.edu/global/international/new-student/</a>
- Past Q&A sessions on different topics: <a href="https://www.fau.edu/global/international/new-student/qa-sessions/">https://www.fau.edu/global/international/new-student/qa-sessions/</a>



## **Current Student's Experience**

#### Sai Sreekar Burra

- Graduate student in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering
- Admitted for Fall 2022



