Pathways to Graduate Education

THERE ARE MANY PATHS TO EARNING A GRADUATE DEGREE AT FAU. HERE ARE SOME ROUTES YOU CAN TAKE TO EARN YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE:

ACCELERATED PATHWAYS
• Combined Degrees (Bachelor’s to Master’s)
• Program Plan with Summer Classes

CARNESHA THOMPSON (3+1)
• FAU B.S.W. in Social Work (dual enrolled) 3 years
• M.S.W. in Social Work 1 year
• FAU softball team
Combined Degrees
The University offers combined bachelor’s to master’s degrees which allow you to take graduate courses in your senior year that count towards your master’s degree. In some areas you can earn a master’s degree in only one year beyond your bachelor’s.

Combined Bachelor’s To Master’s Degrees
Bachelor degree requirements may vary. Speak to an academic advisor to determine if a combined program aligns with your undergraduate major.

**DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS**
- History*

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
- Information Technology and Management

**CHARLES E. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**
- Applied Mathematics and Statistics*
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Mathematical Sciences*
- Medical Physics
- Urban and Regional Planning

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
- Criminology and Criminal Justice

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**
- Artificial Intelligence*
- Bioengineering*
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering*
- Computer Science*
- Electrical Engineering*
- Information Technology and Management*
- Mechanical Engineering
- Ocean Engineering

*Indicates combined programs that are also available to undergraduate students at the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College.

Program Plan with Summer Classes
Taking coursework as an undergraduate in the summer can place you on an accelerated pathway toward earning your bachelor’s degree and allow you to begin your master’s degree sooner.

GRADUATE SCHOOL TIPS FROM SHALOM OGBONDA (3+2)
FAU B.A. in Psychology 3 years, M.H.A. in Health Administration 2 years, FAU football team
- Have a plan! Know which courses you need to take to graduate on time.
- Meet with your professors during office hours.
- Find a quiet place to study, free from distractions, such as the library.
- Manage your time wisely. Without proper time management, I would not be able to maintain my responsibilities to the football team and my graduate courses.
WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR MY PATHWAY TO GRADUATE EDUCATION?

Pathways Scholarship
This scholarship will award up to $2,000 to eligible FAU students enrolled in combined or advanced standing graduate degree programs. The scholarship is distributed in two increments of $1,000 during the first and last semester of a student’s graduate program. Students apply during the junior year of undergraduate study.

Bright Futures
Florida Academic Scholars earning a baccalaureate degree in seven semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in credit hours) may receive funding for one term of graduate study (up to 15 semester hours) paid at the undergraduate rate.

Graduate Assistantships
Graduate Assistantships provide paid learning opportunities for graduate students that will prepare them for their future careers. Benefits can include a partial or full tuition waiver and an hourly stipend. Graduate students can be mentored by professors and other experts while teaching university classes, working in a lab, or participating in other learning opportunities beneficial to one’s career.

Fellowships And Awards
Numerous fellowships and awards are available for graduate students. Fellowships can be university awarded, federally funded, or offered by external organizations.

Military Benefits
There are special student benefits, aid, and services available for active military members and veterans. Contact the FAU Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for more information at fau.edu/vets.

Financial Aid
Graduate and undergraduate students may also be eligible for financial aid, such as grants, loans, and work study.