

University Advising Services



FIRST-YEAR SOAR
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES

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FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

December 2026



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**30 a year
means less time here!**



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Ready for Classes? Follow the 3 C'S.

1. Choose your classes through EZ Advising
2. Check your **FAU email** for advising feedback in 5-10 days
3. Complete your class registration in MYFAU



Academics

- **Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP)**
 - **Thematic Clusters**
- **Spring Course Modality**
- **Degree Audit Reporting Systems – DARS**
- **State and FAU Policies**



Take General Education (IFP) Courses Related to Your Professional Interests & Professional Goals

What is an IFP Thematic Cluster?

IFP thematic clusters address a central theme or topic by linking courses from across the IFP curriculum. Each theme represents a twenty-first century challenge, and course experiences (e.g., activities, assignments, projects) in each of the courses are organized around this challenge.

Why Should I take an IFP Thematic Cluster?

Enrolling in an IFP thematic cluster affords students an opportunity to study the topic in-depth from multiple disciplinary perspectives and from diverse methods of inquiry. This approach also helps students understand the connections between disciplines. Students are more likely to stay engaged and motivated in their learning, as the courses not only build upon an area of personal interest, but can often be used to satisfy multiple requirements (major, IFP, electives).

What IFP Thematic Clusters are Available?

(Click on a cluster below for more information)

Students should be aware that some courses listed may not apply toward their major. Be particularly careful in choosing science and mathematics courses, for example, because some majors require courses other than those listed in the clusters. Please choose courses in a particular cluster in consultation with an advisor in University Advising Services (UAS). Schedule an appointment using [Success Network](#).



**CLIMATE
CHANGE**



EVOLUTION



**TECHNOLOGY
and SOCIETY**



**RESEACH
AND INQUIRY**



**RACE AND
RACIAL
INEQUALITY**



**GLOBAL
STUDIES**

Learn more about IFP thematic clusters, course requirements and course offerings at: www.fau.edu/ugstudies/thematic
AND

Contact University Advising Services (UAS) to discuss becoming involved in this exciting opportunity -- Student Services (SU-80), Room 201,
Phone: 561.297.3064 • Fax: 561.297.3132 • Email: advisingservices@fau.edu

Managing your 2026 Graduation Goal

State of Florida Policies:

- Excess Hours Surcharge (132 credit hours)
- Repeat Surcharge – 3x
- 9-hour Summer Residency Requirement
- State of Florida Civic Literacy Requirement



Managing your 2026 Graduation Goal

Student Success Policies

- Forgiveness Policy – 3x
- Math “Bootcamp” Help
- Full Time Status (30 credit hours) each year
- Withdrawal (“W”) Policy



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Connecting with your Success Network

- Advisors and Coaches
- Career Consultants
- Financial Aid Counselors
- Personal Librarian

Meet your academic advisor



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Who is my Advisor?

Jupiter Advisors



**Do you receive the
DCF tuition waiver?**

**If your tuition and fees are waived due to the DCF waiver, then you qualify for the
*Educate Tomorrow program at FAU!***

ET at FAU Benefits:

- ✓ Academic Coaching and Advising
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Tailored Academic Support
- ✓ Campus Programs
- ✓ Community Engagement
- ✓ Scholarship Opportunities

**Questions?
Email Tracyann Burton at
tracyannburton@fau.edu
to apply today!**

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**Program for
DCF Tuition Waiver students
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for more information.**

Support. Connect. Engage.



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University Honors Program at the Boca Raton Campus

Hello Class of 2026!!!

If you've been invited to participate in the University Honors Program, feel free to connect with me (Mary Downing Patterson) or the Engagement Coordinator (Heather Smith). Brochures are available at the back of the auditorium. Go OWLS!!!!



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Are you thinking about law school?

Talk to us to learn about:

- FAU resources to get you prepped
- Getting published!
- Writing skills and LSAT
- How to connect to other pre-law Owls

Get involved and find out how FAU can help you prep for law school!

For additional information,
please contact Dalel Bader at draide2012@fau.edu

Website: www.fau.edu/prelaw




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MLK DAY – January 17, 2022

Time to start making your advising appointments for summer/fall 2022!



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Guess what?
FAU offers the
Associate of Arts
Degree



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Curriculum Sheets: www.fau.edu/uas/curriculum.php

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