

# First-Year Interest Groups (FIGS)



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES

Carole Lachs, Ph.D.  
Associate Director,  
Office of Academic Success Initiatives

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

# Welcome!

HEY THERE



Find the chat box  
and tell us your  
name and where  
you are from.



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# We will explore:

- What is a FIG?
- Who will I meet?
- What will I learn?
- What do students say?
- How do I join?
- Questions and Answers...

A promotional graphic for FIGS @ FAU. It features a group of five diverse students standing in front of a wall with large, colorful handprints. The text 'FIGS @ FAU' is prominently displayed in red and blue, with 'First-Year Interest Groups' underneath. Below this, a paragraph describes the purpose: 'Meet FAU faculty and staff, make friends and get connected to your specific college from your 1st day on campus.' A grid of six red buttons lists various college majors: Arts & Letters, Nursing, Business, Engineering, Science, and Design & Social Inquiry. In the top right corner is the FAU owl logo. A red banner at the bottom right contains the text 'Learn more and enroll at fau.edu/academicsuccess'.

**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

< Default

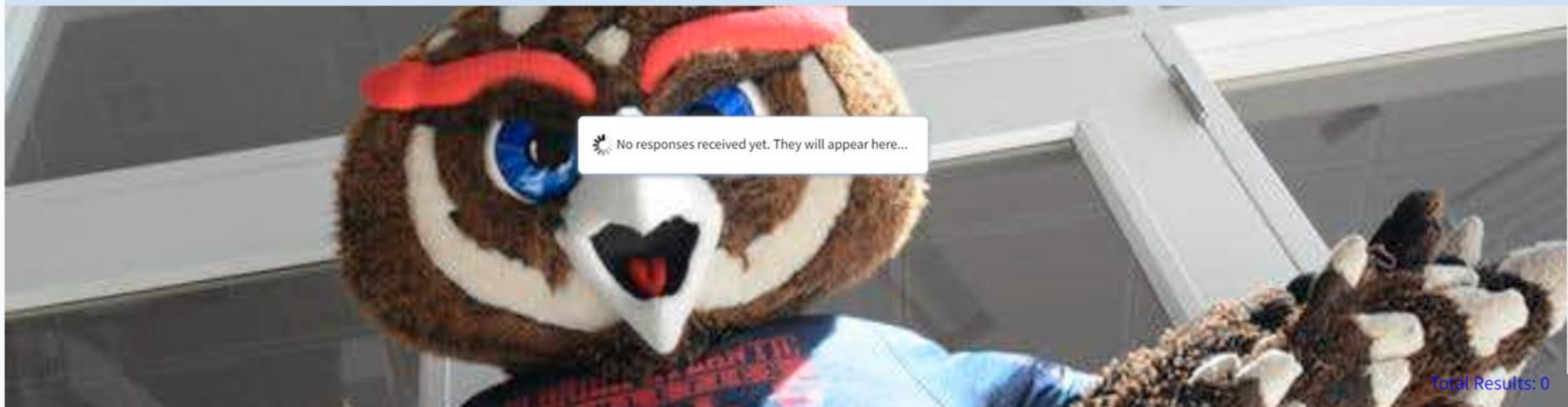
Visual settings

Edit

Respond at [PolleEv.com/carolelachs796](https://PolleEv.com/carolelachs796)

Text **CAROLELACHS796** to **37607** once to join, then text your message

## What is your major?



Total Results: 0

Powered by  Poll Everywhere



So...  
what is  
a FIG???

A FIG is  
personal and  
academic  
introduction to  
your college  
and major.

*Still  
deciding?*



- \*Arts & Letters
- \*Explorations in Diversity
- \*Education
- \*Pre-Health Professions
- \*Social Work & Criminal Justice



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# It starts with a class...

- Earn 1-credit in 8 weeks
  - Hybrid by design
  - Meet once a week with your class
  - Complete weekly modules in FAU iSucceed
- Capped at 25 students
  - Make this large university feel like a smaller community
- Graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory scale



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

# ...and builds from there.



Introduces you to  
your own college  
and all the  
resources you  
need to succeed  
for your major



Adds a virtual  
introduction to  
campus life through  
FAU iSucceed



Get connected  
to FAU and to  
people in your  
major



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# Begin building your network:



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# You'll learn about yourself:

- What motivates you
- What strengths you have
- What your mindset is about your ability to learn
- How to make the shift to self-directed learning



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

# You'll learn about your college:

- Faculty and advisors
- Majors
- Experiential learning opportunities
- Student leadership, service, and involvement
- Connections to future careers



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# What do students say?

- “What I liked the most about this course was how we were able to communicate with other faculty members and other engineers that have so much experience. Those people helped me know what should I be aware of while studying engineering and they made me feel confident about studying it because I was scared if I wasn't going to do well in this major but if I know I will have as much help as possible proving myself I can study as an engineer then I am confident anything is possible. Thanks to this amazing course I learned confidence and more about what to expect as an engineer.” FIG Student – Fall 2020
- “I really enjoyed how welcoming the course was and it allowed me to think more about what my future is going to look like and the steps I need to take in order to get there.” FIG Student – Fall 2020
- “Being able to communicate with others that share the same interests as me because I was able to connect with a lot of people and widen my knowledge based on what others have experienced.” FIG Student – Fall 2020
- “It helped me look ahead, and I got the sense that there were people out there to support me.” FIG Student – Fall 2020



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# How do I join?



- Visit [www.fau.edu/academicsuccess](http://www.fau.edu/academicsuccess)
- Find the FIG that interests you and works with your schedule
- Copy down the CRN
- Input the CRN when you are registering for your classes for Fall 2021

# What are my next steps?

- Check out all of the FIG options at [www.fau.edu/academicsuccess](http://www.fau.edu/academicsuccess)
- Decide which FIG you would like to join
- Register for your FIG
- Have an amazing Fall semester
- Enjoy the rest of Orientation =)



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



# Questions?

iSucceed@fau.edu  
fau.edu/academicsuccess



**FIRST-YEAR** SOAR  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

# Your Involvement Breakout Session is complete!

- Students, please head back to your small group Parliament breakout rooms. To get there, use the same link that you used to access your Parliament group earlier.
- Family members, you will be heading to the “Family Wrap-Up” Zoom session.
- Enjoy the rest of your day SOARing with us!



**FIRST-YEAR SOAR**  
STUDENT ORIENTATION, ACADEMICS AND RESOURCES  
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY • NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION