

Jump Start 2021 FAQs

1. What is Jump Start and why am I in this program?

Jump Start provides students the opportunity to connect with other first-year students and create a unique support system by establishing relationships with Academic Advisors, professors, and classmates. You will also have the opportunity to complete 6 Summer credits which will help you progress toward your graduation requirements.

2. Can I move out of this program if I have new test scores or have improved my GPA?

Any student that meets our Fall 2021 admissions criteria is welcome to change their entry term to the Fall. Students who do not meet the requirements for the Summer or Fall terms must begin at FAU in the Summer 2021 term in a pathway. These requests will be considered after February 1st after the receipt of official Fall grades. If you want to change your entry term to Fall, you need to speak with Undergraduate Admissions.

3. When will I know what classes I can take?

You will select which courses you would like to take when you complete your Online Advising. Your assigned Academic Advisor will provide you with course recommendations and comments on your advising form based on your major, math placement score, and pending AP/IB/AICE/Dual Enrollment credit.

4. Are there specific classes I have to take?

Yes. Your selection will be based on your major requirements, credit you have earned (or may earn) through AP/IB/AICE/Dual Enrollment, and class availability.

Students majoring in Science, Engineering and Computer Science, Business, or Architecture will be required to take a mathematics course if placed into MAT1033 or MAC1105. Your Academic Advisor will determine the appropriate math course for you based on your math placement score and intended major.

Students who are not required to take a mathematics course in the Summer will be required to take one of the following as determined by your Academic Advisor:

- ENC 1101- College Writing I
- POS 2041- Government of the United States or AMH 2020- United States History Since 1877
- BSC 1005+BSC 1005L- Life Science lecture and lab or MET 2010- Weather and Climate
- PSY 1012- Introduction to Psychology
- A course from the Global Citizenship or Humanities category of the Intellectual Foundations Program

Additionally, all students will be enrolled into a fully online 0 credit SLS course, SLS1410: College Success Strategies. In this course you will learn about yourself, FAU, and what it takes to be a successful college student (learn more about this class at fau.edu/academicsuccess).

You will register yourself for the second IFP course from a select list of courses in consultation with your Advisor on your advising form.

5. Do I register myself for my Summer courses?

Once you complete your online advising you will be assigned an Academic Advisor. Your Academic Advisor will register you for TWO courses, one IFP course (to be determined by your major and math placement score as described in question #4 above) and SLS1410. You will register yourself for the second IFP course from a select list of courses in consultation with your Advisor.

6. Are there deadlines to register for Jump Start?

As long as you have cleared your holds, your Academic Advisor will register you for TWO courses. ONE IFP course (to be determined by your major and math placement score) and SLS1410. You will register yourself for the second IFP course from a select list of courses in consultation with your Advisor.

Please note, all Summer registration requirements, including completion of online advising and the removal of holds must be completed by June 4th to secure your seat.

7. I applied for Summer so that I could take certain classes. Why do I have to take these courses? Can I appeal to someone to take the classes I want?

All Jump Start students are required to take two IFP courses and SLS1410 as outlined in question #4 above. If you have any additional questions or concerns about your Summer course recommendations, please contact your assigned Academic Advisor.

8. Do I need to meet specific criteria in the Summer to continue enrollment at FAU in the Fall term?

Yes. Students admitted in the Summer must satisfy all of the stated Jump Start requirements in order to be eligible to continue in the Fall:

- Register for and complete 6 credit hours of coursework.
- Register for SLS1410: College Success Strategies-0 credit hours (fully online).
- Earn a 2.50 or higher cumulative GPA in 6 credit hours of coursework.

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9. What happens if I don't attend FAU in Summer or if I don't meet the requirements to continue in Fall?

Students admitted to Jump Start who don't enroll in Summer 2021 will not be allowed to attend FAU in Fall 2021 unless they meet the Fall admission criteria and complete a change of entry to the Fall term.

If a student earns a Summer term GPA under 2.5, they will be ineligible to continue as a full time student at FAU in the Fall 2021 term but may re-enroll in Spring 2022 or a later term. Students will be required to participate in the ACCESS program and assigned an Academic Coach.

Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawal

Students who find it necessary to withdraw from the semester due to an exceptional circumstance may be eligible for the Exceptional Circumstances Withdrawal (ECW). The deadline for the ECW to be submitted is two weeks prior to the last day of classes for the semester.

When an ECW is granted due to physical illness or injury or mental illness, a Student Affairs registration hold may be placed on the student's record and the student may be prohibited from enrolling for the semester following the ECW. Jump Start students who are granted an ECW will not have completed all of the Summer Jump Start Requirements and will, therefore, be ineligible to attend FAU in Fall 2020. These students may be eligible to re-enroll in Spring 2021 or a later term.

Please refer to <https://www.fau.edu/dean/exceptional-withdrawal.php> or University Regulation 4.013 to read more about withdrawals for exceptional circumstances.