

Undergraduate Students and Timely Graduation

Florida Atlantic University is committed to ensuring that students admitted as undergraduates will make progress toward their degree and graduate in a timely manner. The University will make every effort to employ the advising and academic support personnel necessary to ensure student success. Students also must take responsibility for timely graduation. They must learn their degree requirements as listed in the University Catalog; they must review their degree audit (DARS) as least once every semester; and they must carefully consider course selection and review progress toward their degree in consultation with an advisor.

Expectations for Timely Graduation

Students admitted to FAU as freshmen are expected to complete their degree program within four years. (The typical degree program requires 120 credit hours. Degree programs requiring more than 120 credit hours may require one additional semester.) To graduate in four years, students must successfully complete an average course load of 15 credit hours every semester. Students should enroll in summer courses so as to lighten their load in semesters when taking particularly difficult courses and to ensure progress toward their degree. All students entering FAU with fewer than 60 credit hours are required to earn a minimum of 9 credit hours in the summer.

Transfer students who enter FAU with an AA degree are expected to complete a 120-credit hour degree program within four semesters, if they have completed all prerequisites for the program to which they are admitted at the time of initial enrollment at FAU. An additional semester or more may be required for degree programs that require more than 120 credit hours or for students lacking prerequisites.

Students transferring without an AA degree but with credits earned at other colleges and universities, AP/IB credits, and dual enrollment credits should plan on graduating in less than four years, depending on the number of credits transferred. They should work out a plan of study with their academic advisor after enrollment at FAU.

Students who have completed 120 or more credits should only enroll in courses that are required for degree completion. Students who have completed all the requirements for their degree will be required to graduate.

All students must understand that credits earned in excess of those hours required for the degree may be subject to excess hours surcharges mandated by the State of Florida. Students will need to carefully consider the ramifications of their course selection in consultation with an academic advisor. The addition of a minor or additional courses to their academic portfolio may sound appealing, but it also might result in considerable additional expense and a delay in degree completion. A change of major, too, may have the same results.

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