

FIU UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM (UCC)

The UCC is required of freshmen admitted to FIU beginning Summer B 2025 and transfer students beginning Fall 2025. Students are required to complete a minimum of 36 credits from the UCC course list and satisfy the category requirements outlined below.

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(Required of all students entering FIU with fewer than 30 semester hours)

This 1-credit course provides a forum for integrating the FIU experience and for discussing issues promoting intellectual, personal, academic, social growth, and success as a member of the university community. High-school-earned college credit does not exempt students from this requirement.

___ SLS 1501 First Year Experience (1 cr)

COMMUNICATION CATEGORY

(3 courses required; one from Group One and two from Group Two)

Communication courses afford students the ability to communicate effectively, including the ability to write clearly and engage in public speaking.

These are Gordon Rule courses; a grade of "C" or higher is required.

Communication – Group One (State Required)

___ ENC 1101 Writing and Rhetoric I (3 cr)

Communication – Group Two (FIU Required)

___ ENC 1102 Writing and Rhetoric II (3 cr)*

___ SPC 2608 Public Speaking (3 cr)

HUMANITIES CATEGORY

(2 courses required; one of which must be from Group One)

Humanities courses afford students the ability to think critically through the mastering of subjects concerned with human culture, especially literature, history, art, music, and philosophy.

Humanities – Group One (State Required)

___ ARH 2000 Exploring Art (3 cr) – GL
___ HUM 1020 Introduction to Humanities (3 cr)
___ LIT 1000 Introduction to Literature (3 cr)
___ MUL 1010 Music Literature/Music Appreciation (3 cr)
___ PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy (3 cr)* – GRW
___ THE 2000 Theatre Appreciation (3 cr) – GL

Humanities – Group Two (FIU Required)

___ AFH 2000 African Civilizations (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ ARC 2701 History of Design from Antiquity to the Middle Ages (3 cr) – GRW
___ ARH 2050 Art History Survey I (3 cr)
___ ARH 2051 Art History Survey II (3 cr)
___ ENG 2012 Approaches to Literature (3 cr)* – GRW
___ EUH 2011 Western Civilization: Early European Civilization (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ EUH 2021 Western Civilization: Medieval to Modern Europe (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ EUH 2030 Western Civilization: Europe in the Modern Era (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ HUM 2236 History of Ideas – GRW
___ IDS 2301 How We Know What We Know (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ LAH 2020 Latin American Civilization (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ MUH 2018 Evolution of Jazz (3 cr)
___ MUH 2512 Music of the World (3 cr) – GL
___ PHI 2600 Introduction to Ethics (3 cr)* – GRW
___ POT 2010 Classical Political Theory (3 cr) – GRW
___ REL 2011 Introduction to Religion (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___ REL 2149 Religion and Society (3 cr)
___ SPC 2237 Rhetorical Communication: A Theory of Civil Discourse (3 cr) – GRW
___ SPC 2270 Rhetoric and Public Address (3 cr) – GRW
___ TPP 2100 Introduction to Acting (3 cr)
___ WOH 2001 World Civilization (3 cr) – GL/GRW

MATHEMATICS CATEGORY

(2 courses required; one of which must be from Group One.)

Mathematics courses afford students a mastery of foundational mathematical and computation models and methods by applying such models and methods in problem solving.

Mathematics courses are Gordon Rule courses; a grade of "C" or higher is required. *Any student who successfully completes a mathematics course in Group Two for which a course in Group One is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed Group One and may take two mathematics courses from Group Two.*

Mathematics – Group One (State Required)

___	MAC 1105	College Algebra (3 cr)
___	MAC 2311	Calculus I (4 cr)*#
___	MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking (3 cr)
___	STA 2023	Statistical Methods (3 cr)
<i>Credit cannot be received for both STA 2023 and STA 2122 Introduction to Applied Statistics</i>		

Mathematics – Group Two (FIU Required)

___	CGS 2518	Data Analysis
___	MAC 1140	Pre-Calculus Algebra (3 cr)*
<i>Credit cannot be received for both MAC 1140 and MAC 1147 Pre-calculus Algebra & Trigonometry</i>		
___	MAC 1114	Trigonometry (3 cr)*
<i>Credit cannot be received for both MAC 1114 and MAC 1147 Pre-calculus Algebra & Trigonometry</i>		
___	MAC 1147	Pre-Calculus Algebra & Trigonometry (4 cr)*
___	MAC 2233	Applied Calculus (3 cr)*
___	MAC 2312	Calculus II (4 cr)*#
___	MAC 2313	Multivariable Calculus (4 cr)*
___	PHI 2100	Introduction to Logic (3 cr)
___	STA 2122	Introduction to Applied Statistics (3 cr)
<i>Credit cannot be received for both STA 2122 and STA 2023 Statistical Methods</i>		

NATURAL SCIENCE CATEGORY

(2 courses required; one of which must be Group One. 1 lab required from Group One or Two as a graduation requirement)

Natural science courses afford students the ability to critically examine and evaluate the principles of the scientific method, model construction, and use the scientific method to explain natural experiences and phenomena.

Any student who successfully completes a natural science course in Group Two for which a course in Group One is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed Group One and may take two natural science courses from Group Two.

Natural Science – Group One (State Required) Note: These courses may require a co-requisite lab; please check the catalog or with an advisor

___	AST 1002	Descriptive Astronomy (3 cr)
___	BSC 2010	General Biology I (3 cr)
___	BSC 2085	Anatomy and Physiology I (3 cr)
___	CHM 1020	Chemistry and Society (3 cr)
___	CHM 1045	General Chemistry I (3 cr)*
___	ESC 1000	Introduction to Earth Science (3 cr)
___	EVR 1001	Introduction to Environmental Science (3 cr) – GL
___	GLY 1010	Physical Geology (3 cr)
___	PHY 1020	Understanding the Physical World (3 cr)
___	PHY 2048	Physics with Calculus I (4 cr)*
___	PHY 2053	Physics without Calculus I (4 cr)*

Natural Science – Group Two (FIU Required)†

___	AST 2003	Solar System Astronomy (3 cr)
___	BOT 1010	Introduction to Plants (3cr)
___	BSC 2011	General Biology II (3 cr)
___	BSC 2023	Human Biology (3 cr)
___	BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology II (3 cr)*
___	CHM 1033	Survey of Chemistry (4,1 cr)
___	CHM 1046	General Chemistry II (3cr)*
___	CHS 2500	Survey of Forensic Science (3 cr)
___	GLY 1101	History of Life (3 cr)
___	HUN 2000	Foundations of Nutritional Science (3 cr)
___	MCB 2000	Introductory Microbiology (3 cr) – GL
___	OCB 2000	Introductory Marine Biology (3 cr) – GL
___	PHY 2049	Physics with Calculus II (4 cr)*
___	PHY 2054	Physics without Calculus II (4 cr)*

**These courses have pre-requisites; please check the catalog or with an advisor.*

†NATURAL SCIENCE LAB GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(1 lab required)

All students must take one natural science lab to accompany a Natural Science Group 1 or Group 2 lecture course.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CATEGORY

(2 courses required; one of which must be from Group One.)

Social science courses afford students an understanding of the basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavior and past and present social, political, and economic issues.

Social Science – Group One (State Required)

___	AMH 2010	American History Introductory Survey to 1877 (3 cr) – CL/GL
___	AMH 2020	American History Introductory Survey Since 1877 (3 cr) – CL/GL/GRW
___	ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology (3 cr) – GL
___	ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics (3 cr)
___	POS 2041	American Government (3 cr) – CL
___	PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology (3 cr)

Social Science – Group Two (FIU Required)

___	CCJ 2020	Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 cr)
___	COM 1000	Introduction to Communication Studies (3 cr)
___	COM 2417	Communication in Film (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___	CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 cr)
___	CPO 2102	Politics of Europe (3 cr)
___	CPO 2304	Politics of Latin America (3 cr)
___	DEP 2000	Human Growth & Development (3 cr)
___	ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics (3 cr)
___	EVR 1017	Global Environment and Society (3 cr) – GL
___	GEA 2000	World Regional Geography (3 cr) – GL
___	GEO 2000	Introduction to Geography (3 cr)
___	IDS 2183	Health Without Borders (3 cr) – GL
___	INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (3 cr)
___	PAD 2000	Introduction to Public and Community Service (3 cr)
___	REL 2300	Religions of the World (3 cr) – GL/GRW
___	SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology *(3 cr) – GL
___	SYO 2101	Families in the United States (3 cr)

*Effective Fall 2026, SYG 2000 will not satisfy General Education Requirements

STUDENT CHOICE CATEGORY

(1 course required)

Students must complete one additional course of their choice from the Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Science, or Social Science categories.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GLOBAL LEARNING (GL) REQUIREMENT

NOTE: Effective Fall 2026, Global Learning is no longer a graduation requirement. All students must complete two Global Learning (GL) courses. Transfer courses and test credits may not be used to meet this FIU requirement. All Global Learning courses must be taken at FIU. Courses with “GL” designation satisfy the University’s Global Learning requirement. For an updated list of courses and their effective semester, visit <http://goglobal.fiu.edu>

GORDON RULE and GRW REQUIREMENT

Courses in the following areas are considered Gordon Rule: Communication, Mathematics, and courses designated as GRW. A grade of “C” or higher is required in these courses. Students are required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through six semester hours of Gordon Rule Writing-designated courses (GRW). To fulfill this requirement, students can select any two GRW-designated courses and earn a grade of “C” or higher to earn GRW credit.

POSTSECONDARY CIVIC LITERACY (CL) REQUIREMENT

Students must demonstrate understanding of American Civics via completed course work or test credit. This requirement is applicable to freshmen students enrolling for the first time in a Florida State College or University starting Summer 2018 or transfer students starting Fall 2018. Note: Students initially entering a Florida State College or University Summer B 2021 and thereafter must now complete both a course and an exam. AMH 2020 and POS 2041 satisfy the state of Florida’s Civic Literacy Course (CL) requirement if taken Fall 2018 or later. In addition to AMH 2020 and POS 2041, AMH 2010 will also satisfy the state of Florida civic literacy course requirement if taken Fall 2024 or later.

SUMMER ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT

Students who transfer to FIU with fewer than 60 credits must earn at least 9 credits during one or more summer semesters to be eligible for graduation.

IMPORTANT NOTES

*These courses have pre-requisites; please check the catalog or with an advisor.

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Only these courses meet the University Core Curriculum (UCC) requirements, and all must be taken for a letter grade. Pre-professional (e.g., pre-law, pre-med, etc.) requirements are available at the Exploratory Advising Center [website](#). Students are ultimately responsible for meeting with advisors to discuss academic and career goals, course planning, academic policies and procedures, and opportunities for engagement at the University. Students are encouraged to meet with advisors should they have any questions about the UCC requirements or any of the notes included below.

COMMUNICATION. Placement into ENC 1101 will be based on unweighted high school grade point average (GPA). Meet with your academic advisor to determine if you will be required to take Essay Writing (ENC 1930) prior to enrollment in ENC 1101.

MATHEMATICS. #In accordance with the Common Prerequisite Manual (<https://cpm.flvc.org>), students who successfully complete MAC 2281* (Calc I for Engineering) with a grade of “C” or higher will be deemed to have satisfied Mathematics Group One MAC 2311 and students who successfully complete MAC 2282* (Calc II for Engineering) with a grade of “C” or higher will be deemed to have satisfied Mathematics Group Two MAC 2312.

EXEMPTIONS.

- a) **Transfer Students:** Transfer students with an AA from a Florida public college automatically meet the UCC. All others may be required to complete UCC courses.
- b) **Natural Science:** Transfer students who completed both science courses without labs at another institution prior to admission to FIU will be deemed to have satisfied the Natural Science and lab requirement. Transfer students who completed only one science lecture without a lab will be required to complete a lecture and lab at FIU.

WHO IS MY ASSIGNED ADVISOR? Login to <https://my.fiu.edu> and look for the Panther Success Network icon. Use Panther Success Network (PSN) to find and message your assigned advisor as well as make appointments and view advising reports.

MYMAJOR. MyMajor (<http://mymajor.fiu.edu>) provides in-depth information on all FIU undergraduate majors, admissions criteria, career opportunities, and department contact information. MyMajor includes Major Maps, or programs of study, that show students what they need to take to graduate in a timely manner.

PANTHER DEGREE AUDIT (PDA). A PDA is an unofficial copy of a student's academic progress that may be obtained from <https://my.fiu.edu>.

ACADEMIC WARNING AND PROBATION. The “warning” and “probation” statuses (assigned to students who have cumulative grade point averages below 2.0) have serious implications on academic progress, financial aid, and scholarships. Students must meet with an advisor immediately if placed on Academic Warning or Academic Probation.

EXCESS CREDIT HOUR SURCHARGE. A surcharge is assessed for each credit attempted in excess of student’s excess credit threshold. Excess Credit Threshold is determined by credits required for the major and when a student first enrolled in a Florida state college or university as a degree seeking student. Visit <https://onestop.fiu.edu/classes/excess-credits/> for additional information.