

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 (HUM 3306 PRIOR TO FALL 2025)
___ IDS 2301 How We Know What We Know (3 cr) – GL/GRW (IDS 3309 PRIOR TO FALL 2025)
___ 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 (MUH 3514 PRIOR TO FALL 2025)
___ PHI 2600 Introduction to Ethics (3 cr)* – GRW
___ POT 2010 Classical Political Theory (3 cr) – GRW (POT 3013 PRIOR TO FALL 2025)
___ 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 3230 PRIOR TO FALL 2025)
___ SPC 2270 Rhetoric and Public Address (3 cr) – GRW (SPC 3271 PRIOR TO FALL 2025)
___ 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)

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| ___ | 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)

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| ___ | 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 from Group One. 1 lab required from Group Two.†)

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

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| ___ | 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)†

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| ___ | AST 2003 & AST 2003L | Solar System Astronomy (3,1 cr) |
| ___ | BOT 1010 & BOT 1010L | Introduction to Plants (3,1 cr) |
| ___ | BSC 2011 & BSC 2011L | General Biology II (3,1 cr) |
| ___ | BSC 2023 & BSC 2023L | Human Biology (3, 1 cr) |
| ___ | BSC 2086 & BSC 2086L | Anatomy & Physiology II (3, 1 cr)* |
| ___ | CHM 1033 & CHM 1033L | Survey of Chemistry (4,1 cr) |
| ___ | CHM 1046 & CHM 1046L | General Chemistry II (3,1 cr)* |
| ___ | CHS 2500 & CHS 2500L | Survey of Forensic Science (3,1 cr) (CHS 3501 & CHS 3501L PRIOR TO FALL 2025) |
| ___ | GLY 1101 & GLY 1101L | History of Life (3,1 cr) |
| ___ | HUN 2000 & HUN 2000L | Foundations of Nutritional Science (3,1 cr) |
| ___ | MCB 2000 & MCB 2000L | Introductory Microbiology (3,1 cr) – GL |
| ___ | OCB 2000 & OCB 2000L | Introductory Marine Biology (3,1 cr) – GL |

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

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| ___ | PHY 2049 & PHY 2049L | Physics with Calculus II (4,1 cr)* |
| ___ | PHY 2054 & PHY 2049L | Physics without Calculus II (4,1 cr)* |

†NATURAL SCIENCE LAB GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

(1 lab required, pending approval by the Faculty Senate and University)

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)

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| ___ | 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)

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| ___ | 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) – GL/GRW* (CPO 3103 PRIOR TO FALL 2025) |
| ___ | CPO 2304 | Politics of Latin America (3 cr) (COP 3304 PRIOR TO FALL 2025) |
| ___ | 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 (IDS 3183 PRIOR TO FALL 2025) |
| ___ | 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 (REL 3308 PRIOR TO FALL 2025) |
| ___ | SYG 2000 | Introduction to Sociology (3 cr) – GL |
| ___ | SYO 2101 | Families in the United States (3 cr) |

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

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

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.

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.

