

FIU UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM

The UCC is required of freshmen admitted to FIU beginning Summer B 2024 and transfer students beginning Fall 2024.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE (1 course required)

This 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. All students entering the University with **fewer than 30 semester hours** are required to take this one-credit course. High-school-earned college credit does not exempt students from this requirement.

___ SLS 1501 First Year Experience (1 cr)

COMMUNICATION (2 courses required; one from Group One and one 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)*

HUMANITIES (2 courses required; one from Group One and one from Group Two.)

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):

One course must be from the following list.

___ 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):

One course must be from the following list.

___ AFH 2000 African Civilizations (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ AMH 2041 Origins of American Civilization (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ AMH 2042 Modern American Civilization (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ ARC 2701 History of Design from Antiquity to the Middle Ages (3 cr) – GRW
___ ENG 2012 Approaches to Literature (3 cr)* – GRW
___ EUH 2011 Western Civ.: Early European Civilization (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ EUH 2021 Western Civ.: Medieval to Modern Europe (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ EUH 2030 Western Civ.: Europe in the Modern Era (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ HUM 3306 History of Ideas (3 cr)* – GRW
___ IDS 3309 How We Know What We Know (3 cr)* – GRW/GL
___ LAH 2020 Latin American Civilization (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ PHI 2600 Introduction to Ethics (3 cr)* – GRW
___ POT 3013 Ancient & Medieval Political Theory (3 cr) – GRW
___ REL 2011 Religion: Analysis and Interpretation (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ SPC 3230 Rhetorical Comm.: A Theory Civil Discourse (3 cr) – GRW
___ SPC 3271 Rhetoric & Public Address (3 cr) – GRW
___ WOH 2001 World Civilization (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ WST 3120 Global Women's Writing (3 cr) – GRW**/GL

**WST 3120 is GRW effective Fall 2022 and beyond

MATHEMATICS (2 courses required; one from Group One and one from Group Two.)

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):

One course must be from the following list.

___ MAC 1105 College Algebra (3 cr)
___ MAC 2311 Calculus I (4 cr)*#
___ MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking (3 cr)
___ STA 2023 Statistics for Business & Economics (3 cr)^

Mathematics – Group Two (FIU Required):

One course must be from the following list.

___ CGS 2518	Data Analysis (3 cr)
___ COP 2210	Programming I (4 cr)*
___ COP 2250	Programming in Java (3 cr)
___ MAC 1140	Pre-Calculus Algebra (3 cr)* Credit cannot be received for both MAC 1140 and Pre-calculus Algebra & Trigonometry/MAC 1147
___ MAC 1114	Trigonometry (3 cr)* Credit cannot be received for both MAC 1114 and Pre-calculus Algebra & Trigonometry/MAC 1147
___ MAC 1147	Pre-Calculus Algebra & Trigonometry (4 cr)*
___ MAC 2233	Calculus for Business (3 cr)*
___ MAC 2312	Calculus II (4 cr)*#
___ MAC 2313	Multivariable Calculus (4 cr)*
___ PHI 2100	Introduction to Logic (3 cr)
___ STA 2122	Statistics for Behavioral & Social Sciences (3 cr)
___ STA 3111	Statistics I (3 cr)
___ STA 3145	Statistics for the Health Professions (3 cr)

SOCIAL SCIENCE (2 courses required; one from Group One and one from Group Two.)

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):

One course must be from the following list.

___ AMH 2010	American History, 1607-1850 (3 cr) – GL/CL
___ AMH 2020	American History Introductory Survey Since 1877 (3 cr) – GRW/GL/CL
___ 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):

One course must be from the following list.

___ AFA 2004	Black Popular Cultures: Global Dimensions (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ AMH 3560	The History of Women in the U.S. (3 cr) – GRW
___ ANT 3212	World Ethnographies (3 cr) – GL
___ ANT 3241	Myth, Ritual and Mysticism (3 cr) – GL
___ ANT 3451	Anthropology of Race & Ethnicity (3 cr)
___ ASN 3410	Intro to East Asia (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ COM 3461	Intercultural/Interracial Communication (3 cr) – GL
___ CPO 2002	Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 cr)
___ CPO 3103	Politics of Western Europe (3 cr) – GRW/GL*^
___ CPO 3304	Politics of Latin America (3 cr)
___ DEP 2000	Human Growth & Development (3 cr)
___ ECO 2023	Principles of Microeconomics (3 cr)
___ ECS 3003	Comparative Economic Systems (3 cr)*
___ ECS 3021	Women, Culture, and Economic Develop. (3 cr)* – GL
___ EDF 3521	Education in History (3 cr)
___ EVR 1017	Climate Change, The Global Env. & Society (3 cr) – GL
___ GEA 2000	World Regional Geography (3 cr) – GL
___ GEO 2000	Introduction to Geography (3 cr)
___ IDS 3183	Health Without Borders (3 cr) – GL
___ IDS 3315	Gaining Global Perspectives (3 cr)
___ IDS 3333	Div. of Meaning: Language, Culture, and Gender (3 cr) – GL
___ INP 3004	Intro. Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3 cr)
___ INR 2001	Introduction to International Relations (3 cr)
___ INR 3081	Contemporary International Problems (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ LBS 3001	Labor and Globalization (3 cr) – GL
___ POT 3302	Political Ideologies (3 cr)
___ REL 3308	Studies in World Religions (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ SOP 3004	Introductory Social Psychology (3 cr)
___ SOP 3015	Social and Personality Development (3 cr)
___ SPC 3210	Communication Theory (3 cr) – GRW
___ SYD 3804	Sociology of Gender (3 cr) – GL
___ SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology (3 cr) – GL
___ SYG 2010	Social Problems (3 cr) – GL
___ SYG 3002	Basic Ideas of Sociology (3 cr)
___ SYP 3000	The Individual in Society (3 cr)
___ WST 3015	Intro to Global Gender & Women's Studies (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ WST 3641	Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies (3 cr) – GL

*^CPO 3103 is GL Effective Spring 2022 and beyond

NATURAL SCIENCE (2 courses required; one from Group One and one from Group Two. 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):

One course must be from the following list. 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 for Liberal Studies (3 cr)
___ CHM 1045	General Chemistry I (3 cr)*
___ ESC 1000	Intro. To Earth Science (3 cr)
___ EVR 1001	Intro. To Environ. Sciences (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):

One course and lab must be from the following list.

___ 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)
___ CHS 3501 & CHS 3501L	Survey of Forensic Science (3,1 cr)
___ EVR 3013 & EVR 3013L	Ecology of South Florida (3,1 cr)
___ GLY 1101 & GLY 1101L	History of Life (3,1cr)
___ GLY 3039 & GLY 3039L	Environmental Geology (3,1 cr)
___ HUN 2000 & HUN 2000L	Found. of Nutritional Sci. (3,1 cr)
___ IDS 3214 & IDS 3214L	Coastal Environment from the Bay to the World (3,1 cr) - GL
___ MCB 2000 & MCB 2000L	Intro. Microbiology (3,1 cr) – GL
___ OCB 2000 & OCB 2000L	Introductory Marine Biology (3,1 cr) – GL
___ PHY 2049 & PHY 2049L	Physics with Calculus II (4,1 cr)*
___ PHY 2054 & PHY 2049L	Physics without Calculus II (4,1 cr)*

ARTS (1 course required)

Students will become acquainted with the fundamental aspects of the arts while developing a capacity to understand, appreciate or experience particular forms. Students address universal themes central to the cultural traditions of the past and present as expressed through the perspectives of the arts.

Required course must be from the following list.

___ ARH 2050	Art History Survey I (3 cr)
___ ARH 2051	Art History Survey II (3 cr)
___ COM 3404	Nonverbal Communication (3 cr) – GRW
___ COM 3417	Communication in Film (3 cr) – GRW/GL
___ CRW 3010	Creative Writing: Forms and Practices (3 cr)*
___ DAA 1100	Modern Dance Techniques I (3 cr)
___ DAA 1200	Ballet Techniques I (3 cr)
___ IDS 3336	Artistic Expression in a Global Society (3 cr) – GL
___ MUH 2018	Evolution of Jazz (3 cr)
___ MUH 3514	Music of the World (3 cr) - GL
___ SPC 2608	Public Speaking (3 cr)
___ TPP 2100	Introduction to Acting (3 cr)

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 listed below. 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.

GORDON RULE 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.

GORDON RULE with WRITING (GRW) REQUIREMENT

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 in the University Core Curriculum. These courses can be from the same or different categories. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher to earn GRW credit.

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. ^Subsequent credit for STA 2122 or STA 3111 will not be granted.

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.

GLOBAL LEARNING (GL) REQUIREMENT

NOTE: Effective Fall 2026, Global Learning is no longer a graduation requirement. Freshmen must complete one Global Learning (GL) Foundation course and one Discipline-Specific course. Transfers who meet UCC requirements prior to entering FIU must complete two Discipline-Specific courses. Transfers who do not meet UCC requirements prior to entering FIU must take one GL Foundation course and one Discipline-Specific course. For an updated list of courses and their effective semester, visit <http://goglobal.fiu.edu>.

Transfer courses may not be used to meet this FIU requirement. All Global Learning courses must be taken at FIU. Courses with "GL" satisfy the University's Global Learning requirement.

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 the SUS or FCS Summer B 2021 and thereafter must now complete both a course and an exam.

In addition to AMH 2020 and POS 2041, AMH 2010 will also satisfy the state of FL 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.

EXEMPTIONS

a) Transfer Students:

Transfer students with an AA from a FL public college automatically meet the UCC. All others may be required to complete UCC courses.

b) Natural Science:

Transfer students who completed one or both science courses without labs at another institution prior to admission to FIU will be deemed to have satisfied the Natural Science requirement.

c) Honors College:

Students in the Honors College who have satisfied designated Honors Courses will be deemed to have met sections of the UCC & GL requirements. Visit <http://honors.fiu.edu> for course equivalencies.

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.