

# FSU *Lingo*



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# Abbreviations

## **ACE - Academic Center for Excellence**

Get tutoring for challenging courses or improve your time management and study strategies. Located in the William Johnston Building, students can also check out study rooms or use computers here.

## **AF - Advising First**

Part of the Division of Undergraduate studies, Advising First strategically places professional academic advisors within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU. College Life Coaches support students and students interested in exploring majors can speak with an Exploratory advisor.

## **ARR - Academic Requirements Report**

A concise version of all academic degree requirements and progress on meeting them by course registration and completion status.

## **ASLC - Askew Student Life Cinema**

The student life center, which features an on-campus movie theater, a coffee shop, cyber cafe, and video/board games along with University Housing and Counseling and Psychological Services.

## **CAPS - Counseling & Psychological Services**

Located on the 2nd floor of the Askew Student Life Center, this department has licensed and professionally-trained staff that offer counseling services to current FSU students.

## **CARE - Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement**

Operates to provide equity and access to traditionally underrepresented students disadvantaged by virtue of educational and socioeconomic reasons.

## **CHAW - Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness**

A department within University Health Services that educates students on healthy lifestyle decisions to facilitate academic success and life-long health and wellness.

## **CoRE - Office of Community-Rooted Engagement**

Focuses on programming that aims to help students develop skills and knowledge to become effective leaders and engage responsibly with communities through service.

## **CRE - Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement**

An office that provides undergraduate students opportunities to engage in research, creative scholarship, innovation, entrepreneurship and global opportunities, helping undergraduates become better thinkers, innovators and problem solvers.

## **DSA - Division of Student Affairs**

A variety of departments that provide co-curricular activities for students, typically outside of the classroom, to further student development.

## **DSC - Dunlap Success Center**

Houses The Career Center and the Center for Leadership and Social Change.

## **DSST - Department of Student Support & Transitions**

The department on campus that serves students when they are unsure of where to go next, especially if students are in crisis.

## **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

An online application designed to determine eligibility for student financial aid.

## **FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act**

A federal law that protects the privacy of students' educational records by guarding against the release of their records without their consent.

## **FIG - Freshman Interest Group**

A cluster of high-demand courses that have been linked by an academic major or theme, and each includes classes that satisfy requirements like liberal studies or major prerequisites. FIGs help new students connect with others who share their interests or goals.

### **FMC - Fitness & Movement Clinic**

Campus Recreation's satellite facility is located inside the University's Health & Wellness Center. The FMC offers more than 12,000 square feet of space for strength and cardio training and also encompasses a private studio for small group training classes and space for fitness assessments and consultation.

### **FSL - Fraternity & Sorority Life**

Oversees social fraternities and sororities, which are values-based organizations focused on promoting leadership, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood and service.

### **FSUPD - Florida State Police Department**

A force of sworn, fully accredited officers charged with keeping campus safe. They operate 24/7 throughout the year. FSUPD is located on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson.

### **FTIC - First Time in College**

Refers to an incoming student who has not attended college (a freshman).

### **FWS - Federal Work Study**

A need-based program that provides students with valuable work experience and the opportunity to earn money to help meet their educational and personal expenses while enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.

### **GPS - Graduation Planning and Strategies Office**

Provides programming and academic support activities for undergraduate students with high credit hours and other general advising needs to promote long-term planning and support student-driven goals for graduation and beyond.

### **HITM - Honors in the Major**

The university's optional honors thesis program in which an eligible upper-level student works with a faculty member from their major to complete an original independent research project of their choosing over the course of two to three semesters.

### **IM - Intramural Sports**

On-campus recreational sports leagues and events offered each term through Campus Recreation.

### **IP - International Programs**

Provides study abroad opportunities related to academic discipline or personal interest.

### **IRHC - Inter-Residence Hall Council**

A bureau of the Student Government Association and an affiliate of University Housing that establishes and governs Hall Councils and coordinates programs and activities for the enhancement of student life on-campus.

### **LA - Learning Assistant**

Current undergraduates who have successfully completed a course and are selected by faculty to work with them in the classroom, helping current students engage with course material for better understanding.

### **LDT - Lower Division Transfer**

A student who is transferring from another institution with fewer than 60 credit hours completed.

### **LIFT - Living Intentionally Finding Togetherness**

A collegiate recovery program whose mission is to support students interested in recovery from addiction and substance misuse and help them thrive during their college experience.

### **LLC - Living Learning Community**

A small group of students who live together, share an interest, and take one or two of their classes together — usually in a small classroom inside their residence hall.

### **NSFP - New Student & Family Programs**

This department runs orientation and other programming to help first year students and their families in the transition to FSU.

### **NPHC - National Pan-Hellenic Council**

A council consisting of six predominantly African-American fraternities and sororities committed to scholarship, community service and cultural enrichment. NPHC creates and maintains high standards in the life of fraternities and sororities.

### **OAS - Office of Accessibility Services**

A resource on campus where students can get help and accommodations if they have a disability.

# Abbreviations

## **OL - Orientation Leader**

A leader on campus who serves as a mentor to incoming students during Orientation and beyond.

## **ONF - Office of National Fellowship**

Located in the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House, ONF provides information and support throughout the fellowship application process for students to pursue fellowships for engaged learning, international experiences, research and more.

## **OP - Outdoor Pursuits**

Outdoor trip program through Campus Recreation that offers both free and paid trips locally, as well as in- and out-of-state. Transportation, equipment and adventure is all included at free or reduced cost rates based on the trip.

## **RA - Resident Assistant**

A current FSU student that lives and works within the residence hall. RAs coordinate activities, inform students about university norms and expectations, serve as a resource for students, and help build a community atmosphere, while enforcing community standards and university policies.

## **RISE - The Office of Representation, Inclusion & Student Equity**

Focuses on framing spaces where students can understand and celebrate their full identities, build community, and learn ways to advocate for social justice.

## **RSO - Registered Student Organization**

The name of all student clubs/groups on campus. Students can get involved with over 700 religious, service, professional, cultural, Greek or governing organizations.

## **SAA - Student Alumni Association**

An organization that connects current students with FSU alumni.

## **SCCS - Student Conduct & Community Standards**

Educates students on the Student Conduct Code, community behavioral standards, and the rights and responsibilities of the FSU community.

## **SGA - Student Government Association**

The governing body of students at FSU, providing students with a voice on campus and allocating funds for university programs and services.

## **SOI - Student Organizations & Involvement**

An office on campus dedicated to helping students get involved and find information on specific student organizations.

## **SSB - Student Services Building**

Home to the Office of Accessibility Services, the Den and reservable meeting space on campus.

## **TA - Teaching Assistant**

Graduate students who assist faculty with classroom activities, instruction and sometimes grading.

## **UCA - University Center A**

Home to the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Department of Student Support & Transitions, Student Business Services, International Programs, College of Motion Picture Arts, Admissions, etc.

## **UCB - University Center B**

Home to the Visitors Center, FSU Champions Club and the Dedman College of Hospitality. A campus tour can be arranged with the Visitors Center.

## **UCC - University Center C**

Home to the FSU Testing Center as well as the College of Social Work.

## **UCD - University Center D**

Home to the Moore Athletic Center, the Figg Dining Hall and Seminole Productions.

### **UDT - Upper Division Transfer**

A student who is transferring from another institution and has 60 or more hours completed.

### **UGS - Undergraduate Studies**

The Division of Undergraduate Studies is a large unit that offers academic support and engagement programs, works to help students develop sound academic preparation for their major field of study and serves as the academic dean for most freshmen and sophomores.

### **UHS - University Health Services**

Offers health services with licensed and professionally trained staff to students currently enrolled at FSU.

### **UROP - Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program**

A research experience program designed for first- and second-year undergraduates and recent transfer students. The program connects students with a sustained research assistantship and Research Mentor.

### **VAP - Victim Advocate Program**

Provides services and support for students who have been a victim of a crime. They are confidential sources.



# Terminology



## Advising First

Part of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, Advising First strategically places professional academic advisors and success coaches within academic units to serve students as they complete their coursework at FSU.

## Ask a Nole

A program designed to help students navigate their way on campus the first two days of classes.

## Assistant Coordinators/Hall Directors

Full-time graduate students pursuing academic work who also live and work in the residence halls. These graduate students assist the Residence Coordinator in all areas of hall management, community development, student group advising and staff supervision.

## Build Your Foundation

A required course for first-time at FSU students that is an introduction to career development and planning.

## Campus Connect

Students use Campus Connect to schedule advising or tutoring appointments as well as access reports or notes from advising meetings.

## Canvas

A virtual learning environment and course management system used by FSU students.

## Case Manager

Works with individuals to provide emotional support, advocacy and to identify immediate needs, making appropriate referrals to campus and community resources.

## Chart Your Course

A first year seminar course, SLS 2206, that helps incoming students transition to life in college. Topics include time management, getting involved, academic success, setting goals and more. With the assistance of a Peer Navigator, a current undergraduate, students have the opportunity to learn and excel both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Delegated Access

Students can provision third party or parental access to delegates, which provides them with a delegate access pin and allows them to access their student's myFSU account and review student information.

## Dining Dollars

Campus dining dollars (dollar-for-dollar) that are included with most meal plans that can be used at any dining location. Any unused Dining Dollars will roll over each semester until graduation or separation from the university. These funds are non-transferable and non-refundable.

## Drop/Add

A period when students can adjust their class schedules. Drop/add typically runs the Saturday before classes start through the first four days of classes. Students are financially liable for all courses appearing on their schedule after the fourth day of classes.

## EMPLID

A unique, nine-digit number issued to all students that is used when applying for campus jobs and required on many forms.

## Engage 100

Engage 100 is a collection of courses designed to help first-year students transition to FSU. Through small 0- or 1-hour courses, students meet others with similar interests, explore engagement opportunities and connect with an experienced FSU peer mentor.

## Excess Credit

A law that requires universities to add a surcharge to every credit hour taken in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the pursued degree.



### **Family Connection e-Newsletter**

A digital publication for families that aims at keeping FSU family members in the loop with on- campus events and resources.

### **Food for Thought Pantry**

A food pantry located in the Department of Student Support & Transitions that provides food for students in need.

### **FSU Card**

A required form of identification for FSU students and staff that allows access to campus building and virtual services.

### **FSU Cash**

A form of payment for on-campus services such as laundry, pr printing, copying, etc. FSU Cash is loaded onto the FSUcard with dollar-for-dollar value.

### **FSUID**

Your unique username to log into FSU online technologies. The initials/number part of your FSU email address.

### **FSView**

Florida State's student-run school newspaper. FSView keeps students updated on events that are occurring on campus, as well as the surrounding area.

### **HelloFSU!**

An awareness campaign that spotlights tips and events designed to help students engage and succeed at FSU.

### **Hold**

Primarily used to guide students through important educational processes or required actions. A hold may restrict you from registering for classes until you complete a task. A "note" does not block course registration.

### **Landis Green**

The large green space in front of Landis Hall.

### **Langford Green**

The large green space in front of Doak Campbell Stadium.

### **Liberal Studies**

The general education courses and graduation requirements that provide a strong educational foundation for undergraduate students to thrive in and beyond the classroom.

### **Main Campus Fields**

Officially known as the Main Campus Fields (and previously known as the "Old IM Fields"), this area is between Doak Campbell Stadium and Collegetown district and is available to students for sports and recreational activities year-round.

### **Market Wednesday**

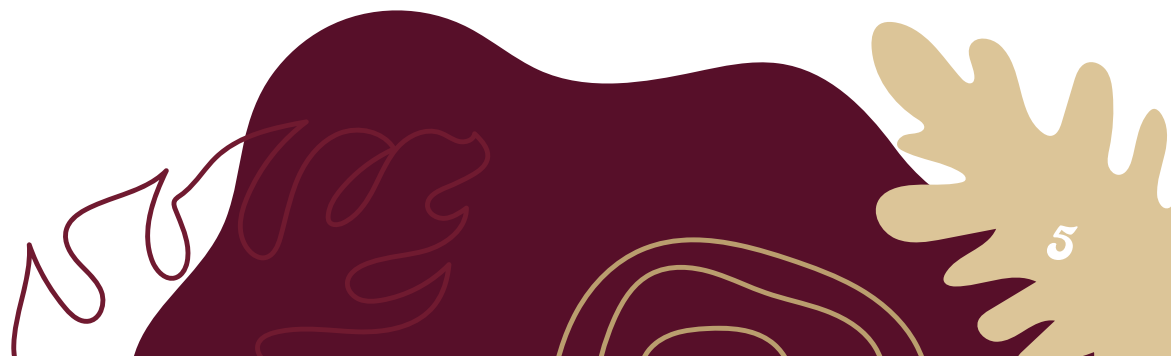
An event highlighting recognized student organizations, market vendors, and fraternities and sororities that occurs every Wednesday of the semester.

### **Meal Swipes**

Part of a meal plan that gives access to FSU's all-you-care-to-eat dining halls.

### **MyFSU**

The online "portal" for all student resources. The myFSU portal connects students to Canvas, their myFSU e-mail account, student financials, academic resources, health resources, campus life, etc.



# Terminology

## Night Staff

Students who are responsible for maintaining safety and security in the residence halls between the hours of 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. They address safety and security concerns, as well as policy issues, and assist hall staff in times of emergency.

## Nite Nole

An evening bus route that runs throughout campus and the surrounding Tallahassee area Tuesday-Sunday from 7 p.m. - 3 a.m.

## Nole Central

An online database that highlights student engagement opportunities and organizations on campus.

## Nole Network

The Career Center's system for linking students and alumni directly with hiring employers and Career Center programs. Students can schedule mock interviews with staff to hone their skills, view and apply for a variety of jobs and sign up for on-campus and virtual interviews with employers.

## NPHC Park: National Pan-Hellenic Council Park

Located adjacent to the new Student Union Building, the park will feature statues representing each of the nine Greek letter organizations. This space will serve as an area where students and alumni can gather, hold special events, and celebrate their heritage. The Park will also serve to unite and educate students, staff, and guests about the history of these chapters and black history at Florida State.

## Registration

The process of signing up for classes. Students are assigned an Enrollment Appointment (registration window) based on how many credit hours they have completed. Students should register for classes as soon as their enrollment appointment begins.

## Residence Coordinator

A full-time, professional live-in staff member responsible for the overall operations in the hall or complex.

## Seminole Express

A free bus and paratransit system that serves FSU students, faculty and staff.

## Student Central

A web-based student information system where students can register for classes, pay their tuition, and access information from Admissions, Financial Aid, etc.

## Strozier/Stroz/Club Stroz

The main library on campus. Strozier Library gets the nickname "Club Stroz" during finals because students spend all night there studying. Study rooms are located inside for students to **reserve**.

## Seminole Café

A dining hall located on the west side of campus.

## Seminole Creed

A group of eight tenets or guiding principles FSU students should live by—truthfulness, respect, excellence, freedom of speech and inquiry, diversity, justice, citizenship and discovery.

## Seminole Dining/Aramark

The food service provider for FSU.

## SeminoleSAFE/FSU Alert

FSU's emergency notification system that sends out alerts whenever hazardous conditions arise on campus. Students can designate through their MyFSU accounts how they want to be notified.



## **Student Agencies**

Identity based organizations on campus that are part of the Student Government Association. Agencies include the Black Student Union (BSU), the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, the Women Student Union, the Jewish Student Union, the Asian American Student Union, Pride Student Union, and the Veterans Student Union.

## **Suwannee Room**

A dining hall located on the east side of campus.

## **Take15**

A university-wide campaign encouraging undergraduate students to take about 15 credit hours each semester. FSU research shows that students who take a 15-hour course load, compared to those who take just 12 hours, tend to have higher GPAs and graduate faster.

## **The Center**

Center for Leadership and Social Change provides resources and opportunities for leadership education, identity development and community engagement.

## **The Globe**

Global and Multicultural Engagement Building which houses the Center for Global Engagement and the RISE Office.

## **The Leach**

FSU's largest campus recreation facility is named the Dr. Bobby E. Leach Student Recreation Center and is a 120,000 square foot facility where students will find cardio and strength equipment, an indoor track and courts, as well as a pool and spa.

## **University Center**

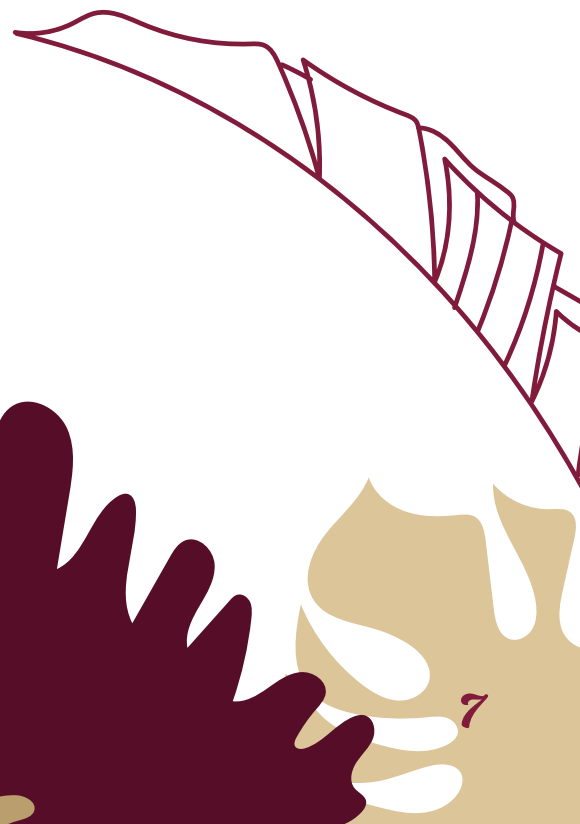
Also considered the football stadium, the University Center is broken up into four sections (A, B, C, D), housing different departments and organizations.

## **Welcome FSU**

A series of events during the first two weeks of classes each semester to help students get acclimated to FSU.

## **Work Study**

The Federal Work Study program allows students that show financial need to work on campus to assist with paying educational expenses.





# Resources

Starting at State Modules  
[newnole.orientation.fsu.edu](http://newnole.orientation.fsu.edu)

Financial Aid  
[financialaid.fsu.edu](http://financialaid.fsu.edu)

Health Compliance  
[studentinsurance.fsu.edu](http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu)

Parking & Transportation Services  
[transportation.fsu.edu](http://transportation.fsu.edu)

Students First Information Central  
[studentsfirst.fsu.edu](http://studentsfirst.fsu.edu)

The Career Center  
[career.fsu.edu](http://career.fsu.edu)

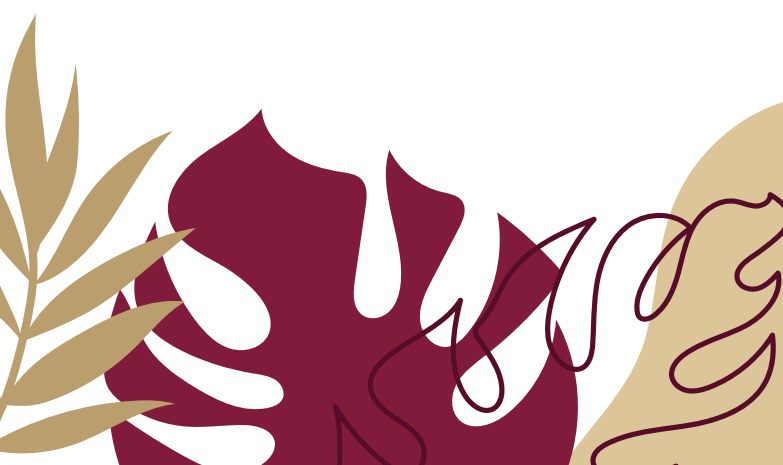
University Housing  
[housing.fsu.edu](http://housing.fsu.edu)

Class of 2026 Resources  
[admissions.fsu.edu/fsu26](http://admissions.fsu.edu/fsu26)

# UPHOLD THE GARNET AND GOLD

Florida State University is a community dedicated to creating an inclusive and equitable campus. We honor each person's dignity and worth, while celebrating diversity. We recognize the importance of differing opinions and the free expression of all viewpoints through open-minded and civil dialogue throughout the campus community.

We *Uphold the Garnet and Gold* by acting with integrity, demonstrating respect for ourselves and our community, holding ourselves and other accountable and representing Florida State University with strength, skill and character.





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