About Florida International University

As Miami’s first and only four-year public research university, FIU is Worlds Ahead in its service to the community.

With a student body of nearly 46,000, we’re one of the 25 largest public universities in the nation. More than 115,500 FIU alumni live and work in South Florida.

Our colleges and schools offer more than 180 bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral programs in fields such as engineering, international relations and law. As one of South Florida’s anchor institutions, FIU has been locally and globally engaged for more than four decades finding solutions to the most challenging problems of our time.

FIU emphasizes research as a major component of its mission. The opening of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in August 2009 has enhanced the university’s ability to create lasting change through its research initiatives. University Research expenditures are more than $100 million per year.

Who we serve

FIU’s dynamic student body reflects the vibrant diversity of South Florida:

- **61%** Hispanic
- **15%** White Non-Hispanic
- **13%** Black
- **04%** Asian or Pacific Islander
- **07%** other minority groups

FIU also serves a large percentage of economically disadvantaged students. Nearly 50 percent of all undergraduate students at FIU receive financial aid, and nearly 60 percent of those financial aid recipients come from families with annual household incomes under $30,000.

Approximately 80 percent of students at FIU are undergraduates with the majority enrolled in the Colleges of Business Administration, Arts & Sciences, and Engineering.

Ninety-six percent of the university’s tenured or tenure-earning faculty hold doctorates or the highest degree attainable in their field.
A few achievements, by the numbers:

46,000 Number of students attending FIU in Fall 2011.

1 Ranking in awarding bachelor’s and master’s degrees to Hispanic students.


89.6 Percent of our College of Law graduates who passed the Florida Bar in 2011. This is the highest passage rate of any college in Florida and nearly 10 percent better than the statewide average.

43 Number of students in the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine class of 2014. More than 3,500 applications were received for these 43 positions.

50 Percent of new teachers in the Miami-Dade County Public School System with an FIU degree.

2010 Year the football team captured first title in school history, defeating the University of Toledo 34-32 at the Little Caesar’s Pizza Bowl in Detroit, Michigan.

9,200 Number of students graduating annually from FIU.

10 Number of years, as of February 2011, the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management has staged one of the nation’s major culinary events — the annual Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival.

46,000 Number of square feet in the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, which was designed by internationally recognized architect Yann Weymouth and opened to the community in 2008. Admission is free.

100 Percentage of FIU Model UN delegates who were chosen by their peers to receive Outstanding Delegate in Committees awards at the 2011 National Model United Nations event in New York. FIU also won top honors as a team, receiving the Outstanding Delegation award.

100,000 Number of students FIU will graduate over the next decade, most of whom will contribute to the local workforce and economy.

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