

Florida International University

African & African Diaspora Studies

Graduate Student Handbook

African and African Diaspora Studies Program

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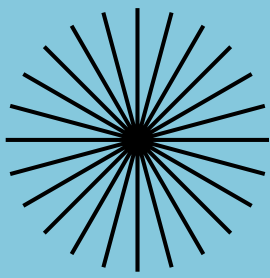
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ABOUT

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



A World-Class Institution

FIU is Miami's first and only public research university. Offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, both on campus and fully online, FIU is worlds ahead in its service to the academic and local community.

Designated as a top-tier research institution, FIU emphasizes research as a major component in the university's mission. The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences' Discovery Lab, are just two of many colleges, schools, and centers that actively enhance the university's ability to set new standards through research initiatives.

For over four decades, FIU has positioned itself as one of South Florida's anchor institutions by solving some of the greatest challenges of our time. We are dedicated to enriching the lives of the local and global community. With a student body of nearly 54,000, we are among the top 10 largest universities in the nation and have collectively graduated more than 200,000 alumni, 115,000 of whom live and work in South Florida.

African & African Diaspora Studies Program (AADS)

The African and African Diaspora Studies Program is located in the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Florida International University. It is one of the leading programs in the United States engaged with the study of the peoples of continental Africa and of communities of the African diaspora throughout the world. The program is organized around a robust interdisciplinary curriculum, cutting-edge research agendas and active outreach. AADS hosts interdisciplinary conferences, colloquia, roundtables, symposia and lectures throughout the year where internationally and nationally recognized scholars and public figures discuss a variety of issues related to continental Africa, the United States, and the African Diaspora. AADS is becoming recognized as a leading Program in the interdisciplinary field of African & African diaspora studies, and related fields of inquiry because of its efforts and commitment to being internationally renowned, nationally competitive, and locally meaningful.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Dear African & African Diaspora Studies Graduate Students:

Welcome to the 2024 – 2025 academic year! Thank you for choosing African & African Diaspora Studies (AADS) at Florida International University (FIU) as your graduate program! Along with AADS Program Director, Dr. Valerie Patterson, I welcome you to our University! We have a wonderful cohort of incoming graduate students this year, with wide-ranging interests that complement the talents of current students and faculty. Our degrees provide interdisciplinary, graduate-level training where students master theoretical knowledge, gain training in research methods, become proficient with multidisciplinary analytical frameworks, and gain exposure to the fundamental principles and in-depth knowledge of the field of African and African Diaspora Studies. Students develop and use theoretical, analytical, and methodological approaches that they can apply critically to diverse fields of engagement in which they choose to specialize. The MA in AADS degree prepares graduates for further study at the Ph.D. level as well as for professional positions in the public, private, non-profit, and international arenas and for employment in education, public policy, public administration, journalism international organizations; and other fields. The program provides students with a strong grounding in research methods.

In the AADS Graduate Student Handbook, you will find the information you need to successfully complete your degree. The handbook is an invaluable resource that will guide you as you navigate through our program. Please take the time to read it in its entirety and familiarize yourself with its content. We are available to answer any questions you may have during your time in our program. Our Program Coordinator, Kathleen Applyrs, is an excellent source of guidance. Her office is located in Labor Center (LC) 307. She can be reached via telephone at 305-348-8455, and via email at kapplyrs@fiu.edu. My office is located in Labor Center-LC 318. I can be reached via telephone at 305-348-2616, and via email at placides@fiu.edu.

Wishing you a successful and enjoyable year!

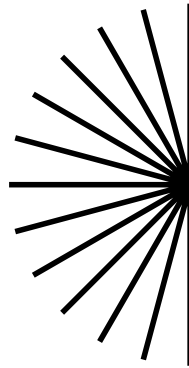
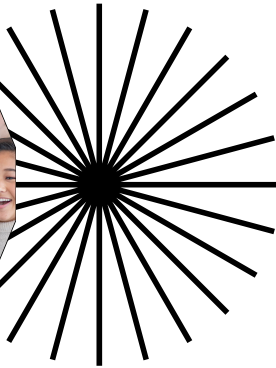
Dr. Sharon Placide
Graduate Program Director



**ANY SERIOUS STUDY OF
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WORLDS AND CULTURES,
MUST BE UNDERTAKEN
FROM THE FRAME OF
REFERENCE OR THE
WORLDVIEW OF THE
AFRICANS THEMSELVES**

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GAIN DIVERSE EXPERIENCES



** Please note that the content included in this handbook may be subject to change at any time without prior notice. This handbook was last updated on June 21, 2024

The African & African Diaspora Studies Program

AADS

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Departmental Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AfricanaFIU>

Departmental LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/africanafiu/>

Departmental Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AfricanaFIU>

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MA IN AFRICAN & AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES

The MA in African & African Diaspora Studies (AADS) curriculum is to be completed over three terms: fall, spring, and summer C (May–July). The full curriculum comprises 30 credits and consists of two core courses, the colloquium/capstone course to be taken each semester, and a set schedule of elective courses that will be determined prior to the commencement of the program. To graduate on time, students are expected to enroll in courses for 10 credits every term. During the AFA 6920 sessions (AADS Graduate Colloquium/Capstone; three times 1 credit each), enrolled students work closely with their assigned AADS faculty mentor to prepare their exit requirement. Students will be assigned such a faculty mentor by the AADS Graduate Program Director (GPD) upon admission. The faculty mentor will monitor and mentor the student's progression from enrollment to graduation. Students may request to work with a specific AADS faculty member. Such selection must be requested by the third week of the fall semester. Before placing such a request to the AADS Graduate Program Director, a student must approach and get the approval of the chosen AADS faculty member. Either the Graduate Program Director or the AADS faculty mentor will serve as the chairperson of the student's capstone project. The last session of AFA 6920, always during summer C terms, will culminate with the oral defense of the capstone project.

Capstone Project

To fulfill this exit requirement, students must write a research paper, write a research proposal, or submit a portfolio of their writing over the course of the AADS degree year. Students will write the paper/proposal/portfolio under the supervision of an AADS graduate faculty member who will serve as chairperson of the capstone project committee. Students must compose a capstone project committee in consultation with the AADS Graduate Program Director. The capstone project committee must be comprised of three members, at least two of whom must serve as AADS graduate faculty (core or affiliate). The student will work closely on their exit requirement with the chairperson of the capstone project committee. The capstone chairperson must approve of the project prior to submission of the final draft to the other members of the committee. The FIU faculty eligible to serve on a capstone committee must have achieved graduate standing as established by the University Graduate School. Other non-FIU AADS faculty not identified in that list may be considered to serve on a capstone committee based on research, identified interest, and publications after approval from the Director of AADS Graduate Programs.

Graduation Requirements

Candidates must obtain a grade of "B" or higher in all courses and achieve a cumulative point average of at least 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) and present a satisfactory capstone project that contains both written and oral components. The students must defend their capstone project in front of their capstone committee in their final semester.

Language Requirement

Students will be asked to demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English according to the nature of their capstone project. Credit hours earned in meeting the language requirement will not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the degree and are not covered by the TA tuition waiver. Students should coordinate their language exams with the AADS graduate program coordinator.

Curriculum: 30 credit hours total

Term 1 (fall)

- AFA 5005 African and African Diaspora Studies Theory (3 credits)– online
- AFA 5855 Research Methods and Scholarly Writing in Africana Studies (3 credits)–online
- One Elective from the List (3 credits)
- AFA 6920 African and African Studies Diaspora Graduate Colloquium (1 credit)

Term 2 (spring)

- One Elective from the List (3 credits)
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- AFA 6920 African and African Studies Diaspora Graduate Colloquium (1 credit)

Term 3 (summer)

- One Elective from the List (3 credits)
- One Elective from the List (3 credits)
- One Elective-AFA 6911-Research Paper/Proposal Writing in African & African Diaspora Studies (3 credits)
- AFA 6920 African and African Studies Diaspora Graduate Colloquium (1 credit)

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Oral defense of exit requirement in summer. Any revisions recommended by the committee must be completed and a final copy of the capstone project must be submitted to the AADS graduate program coordinator.

The list of electives will be given to the students in advance. Students may enroll in other electives but must first receive the approval of the Graduate Program Director. Prior to the enrollment period for each semester, students will meet with the AADS Graduate Program Director to discuss their course schedule. The Graduate Program Director must approve all electives before the student enrolls.

FIU Library

There are two FIU Libraries– Green Library is located on the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Hubert Library on the Biscayne Bay Campus. Students must be registered for the current semester and swipe their active PID card to enter and to reserve materials.

Registration

Each semester prior to enrolling in their courses, all AADS students must meet with the AADS graduate program director to discuss their course schedule. Once the schedule is approved, the student may enroll through the MyFIU portal. If the student wishes to make any changes to their course schedule, it is recommended that they discuss the changes with the AADS graduate program director prior to adding or removing any course(s). The consequence of not discussing your courses with the GPD may be that you will enroll in electives that are not approved, may delay graduation, and may incur more unforeseen monetary costs. We encourage all students to enroll early to avoid the \$100 late registration fee.

If the student has any hold that prevents them from enrolling, they must clear the holds before they can enroll. The student may view their holds in the Holds section of their MyFIU portal. Students that are paying for tuition out of pocket must ensure that payment is made on time to avoid being dropped from their classes.

How to Add Classes

- 1.Log into MyFIU. See Access MyFIU for help logging into your student account
- 2.Select 'Manage Classes' tile
- 3.Select 'Enrollment' from left navigation menu
- 4.Select 'Class Search & Add to Cart'
- 5.Select the term for enrollment
- 6.Search for classes using the course number, course prefix, department, class number or topic. See Courses Available to learn how to find course details.
- 7.Click on the returned search results to expand on class option available. The hyperlink provides the class information (class details, meeting information, enrollment information, class availability, and textbook/other information).
- 8.Click on the class to select the class
- 9.Complete the Introduction, Registration Prerequisites (available first time adding a class in a term), Review Class Selection, Review and Submit to add the course to your shopping cart. Adding the course to the Shopping Cart does not officially enroll you into the course(s).
- 10.Click on the 'Shopping Cart' hyperlink
- 11.Select the courses to finalize enrollment.
- 12.Click 'Enroll'
- 13.Click 'Yes' to the enrollment message "Are sure you want to enroll?"
- 14.View the confirmation. Successfully added courses will have a green checkmark and a confirmed add message. If not, read the error message to see why the error occurred. For more information see Holds & Errors.

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MA Committee

Students must compose a research paper/proposal/portfolio committee (three members) with a least two AADS graduate faculty members. The student will work closely with the chairperson of the committee, who must be chosen from the list of AADS graduate faculty (all either AADS Core or Affiliate Faculty). The committee chairperson is responsible for approving the final draft of the paper/proposal/portfolio. Approval of the final draft is required before moving to the final approval of the paper/proposal/portfolio by the committee and the oral defense of the capstone project.

Academic standing, dismissal, and readmission policies

All students are required to maintain good academic standing in order to remain active in the program. They must receive a "B" or higher in all courses to maintain a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA will result in the student being placed on academic warning, probation, or dismissal. The student will be informed via email by the Graduate Program Director when they are placed on a program-based warning, probation, or are dismissed. If a student does not maintain their GPA, they may be dismissed from the program.

Academic warning and probation: A student whose cumulative graduate GPA falls under 3.0 will receive an academic warning. They will be notified of this warning via email by the Graduate Program Director and a note will be placed on their transcript. Students who do not meet the good academic standing requirement must meet with the AADS Graduate Program Director to create an academic plan detailing how they will meet the good academic standing requirement. A copy of this plan will be kept in the student's file and may be shared with the Dean of Green School Graduate Studies and Innovation and University Graduate School if necessary. If their GPA remains under 3.0 the following semester, they will be placed on academic probation. They will receive notification of their probation status via email by the Graduate Program Director and a notation placed on their transcript.

A student on academic probation will be dismissed from the University if both the cumulative and term GPA falls below a 3.0. A graduate student will not be dismissed prior to attempting a minimum of 12 hours of coursework as a graduate student. The student will have 10 working days to appeal the dismissal in writing to the University Graduate School via email at ugs@fiu.edu. An unsatisfactory outcome may be appealed to the Provost via email at provost@fiu.edu.

Re-admission: A period of at least one academic year (three consecutive semesters) must elapse after the date of dismissal before an application for readmission will be accepted for consideration. During this year the student is prohibited from enrolling as a non-degree seeking student.

A student who has been dismissed from a graduate program for failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA may re-apply to the same program or apply to any other graduate program at FIU under the program requirements and policies in force at the time of re-application. In applications for re-admission, to the same program or admission to another program, admission criteria shall include consideration of previous performance at the graduate level in addition to the normal admission requirements.

A student who has been dismissed for failure to make sufficient progress toward degree completion or for non-compliance with the continuous enrollment policy may apply for re-admission at any time prior to their time limit for degree completion.

AADS Graduate Students Association

All AADS graduate students are encouraged to be active members of the AADS Graduate Students Association (AADSGSA). The AADSGSA provides a space for students from all majors to partake in initiatives and events on matters relevant to AADS. Graduate students are encouraged to consider running for the offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

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Graduation

All students must apply for graduation during the semester in which they intend to graduate. The exact deadline is in the university's academic calendar. The AADS program coordinator will send email reminders. A graduate student must be enrolled in at least one graduate credit and a doctoral student must be enrolled in at least three masters credits during the semester they graduate. Students cannot graduate the same semester they are readmitted to the University. Please contact the AADS program coordinator if you are not able to apply for graduation.

Pre-Graduation Exit Questionnaire

Graduating students must complete an exit questionnaire provided by the AADS graduate program coordinator. The purpose of the questionnaire is threefold: (1) to receive feedback from the graduate, (2) obtain information for a mandatory report AADS has to submit annually, and (3) obtain future contact information needed to comply with Florida requirements for assessing post-graduation career tracks. The questionnaire will be sent to graduating students via email. The responses are anonymous. Participation in this questionnaire does not affect the students' grades or graduation status.

Degree

Students who submit a graduation application and successfully complete the program will receive their degree from FIU. The degree conferral is reflected on the student's transcript approximately one month after the semester ends. The diploma will be sent to the home address on the student's MyFIU portal after their degree conferral is reflected on their transcript.

We encourage all AADS alumni to remain engaged with our program by subscribing to the AADS Alumni listserv and following AADS on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. The best compliment an alumnus can give us is to refer others to our program!

University Resources

Disability Resource Center

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. As a publicly funded institution, FIU is required to ensure that students with disabilities are not barred from participation in a service, program, or activity based on their disability. To that end, the Disability Resource Center (DRC) facilitates reasonable accommodations made available so that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy the full array of services, programs, and activities offered. The DRC relies on universal design principles and collaboration with our community of stakeholders comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators in creating diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. Additionally, the DRC provides consultation and implementation of individualized accommodations for FIU students with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. Some of the academic accommodations facilitated by the DRC include test-taking accommodations such as extended time allotments, the provision of alternative formats for course materials, access to accessible software, and adaptive technology equipment including an array of auxiliary aids and equipment loans out program. Other services provided by the DRC include speech-to-text captioning known as Computer Assisted Real- Time Transcription (CART), and the provision of American Sign Language Interpreter services. For more information about the array of services offered by the DRC and how to set up a Welcome Appointment with an Access Consultant, visit the DRC website @ drc.fiu.edu.

If you identify as a student with a disability and have received accommodation in the past, have a current disability diagnosis, or are seeking services due to newly acquired disability and would like to pursue academic accommodations, please contact the DRC's MMC or BBC Office using the following information: Email: drc@fiu.edu
Modesto A. Maidique Campus: GC 190, (305) 348-3532; Biscayne Bay Campus: WUC 131, (305) 919-5345.

Graduate students are expected to abide by all FIU Regulations, including Student Conduct and Honor Code, Sexual Harassment (Title IX) and Sexual Misconduct, and the regulations set forth by the master's program in African and African Diaspora Studies. Please note that these processes take precedence.

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Student Resources

Student Health Services (SHS)

SHS provides affordable and accessible student-focused medical care and promotes healthy lifestyles through education, mentorship, and research activities thus facilitating the academic success of students.

<http://studenthealth.fiu.edu>

MMC Campus: (305) 348-2401

BBC Campus: (305) 919-5620

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

CAPS offers programs and services with licensed psychologists, clinical social workers, and trainees with expertise in dealing with student concerns and development. The services offered by CAPS are funded by the student health fee and therefore free to currently enrolled students.

<http://caps.fiu.edu>

MMC Campus: (305) 348-2277

BBC Campus: (305) 919-5305

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

The DRC facilitates reasonable accommodations made available so that students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy the full array of services, programs, and activities offered. Some of the academic accommodations facilitated by the DRC include test-taking accommodations, the provision of alternative formats for course materials, access to accessible software and adaptive technology equipment, speech-to-text captioning, and the provision of American Sign Language Interpreter services. <http://drc.fiu.edu>

MMC Campus: (305) 348-3532

BBC Campus: (305) 919-5345

Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

The DEM's provides notification and guidance regarding the University's hazard preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation needs.

<http://dem.fiu.edu>

(305) 348-0670

Victim Empowerment Program (VEP)

The VEP provides free confidential assistance to FIU students who have been victimized through threatened or actual violence and supports the healing process.

<http://vep.fiu.edu>

Dean of Students

The Dean of Students creates a culture of care for students, their families, faculty and staff by providing proactive education, consultation, resources, and response to distressed students or students in crisis. The Dean of Students can assist students one-on-one by identifying the appropriate campus resources to best help them.

<https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/dean-of-students>

(305) 348-3396

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Office of the Ombudsperson

The Ombudsperson provides a forum for students to discuss and identify options to resolve student issues. The Ombudsperson helps students who have encountered problems or conflicts within the University, particularly problems not being adequately addressed through normal channels, or which processes and procedures seem incapable of, or are causing an inordinate delay in resolving.

<http://ombuds.fiu.edu>

(305) 348-2797

Division of Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

The DEI works to ensure that a diversity of cultures, races and ethnicities, genders, political and religious beliefs, physical and learning differences, sexual orientations, and identities thrive on our campuses and within our community.

<http://dei.fiu.edu>

Office of Civil Rights Compliance and Accessibility (CRCA)

OCRCA oversees and investigates all discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct complaints in accordance with the University's policies and procedures.

(305) 348-2785

Discrimination Complaint Processing Form link: <https://forms.fiu.edu/view.php?id=507383>

FIU Food Pantry

The purpose of the food pantries is to serve FIU students in need. The pantries are available to students on both campuses.

<https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/student-food-pantry>

Veteran and Military Affairs

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs is committed to delivering and facilitating comprehensive "military-friendly" services and programs for FIU veteran and military-affiliated learners.

<https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-support/veteran-and-military-affairs>

(305) 348-2838

FIU OneStop

OneStop provides assistance with transcripts, enrollment verifications, adding and dropping courses, establishing residency, general financial aid questions, student case resolution, and any other enrollment-related questions.

<http://onestop.fiu.edu>

(305) 348-7000

Parking and Transportation

For detailed information on FIU parking and transportation, including information regarding parking permits and citations, rules, and regulations, and available transportation services, please visit:

<http://parking.fiu.edu>

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Discrimination

FIU promotes a culturally diverse and inclusive working and learning environment where current and prospective faculty, staff, and students are treated fairly and valued for their individuality.

If any applicant, employee, or student has a good faith belief that they have been discriminated against or harassed based on age, color, disability, gender, marital status, ethnic/national origin, race, religion, retaliation, sexual harassment, or any other protected category, the Office of Civil Rights Compliance and Accessibility (CRCA) encourages him/her to complete the Discrimination Complaint Processing Form and submit it to our office on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus in PC-220. CRCA will investigate the complaint in accordance with University Policy and Procedures.

Discrimination Complaint Processing Form

FIU – 106 Regulation on Nondiscrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Title VII)

Title IX Coordinator

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for managing the development of policies related to sexual harassment and sexual misconduct; ensuring compliance with Title IX and relevant federal and state regulations; responding to concerns raised by the Deputy Title IX Coordinator(s), University Police, Responsible Employees or other members of the University Community; coordinating the effective implementation of Supportive Measures, and overseeing the investigation of alleged violations of FIU-105.

The University's Title IX Coordinator is:

Ryan Kelley, J.D.

Office of Civil Rights Compliance and Accessibility

Office Number: (305) 348-2785

Email: ocrca@fiu.edu

Address: 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Primera Casa 220

Miami, FL 33199

The Title IX Coordinator has designated Deputy Title IX Coordinators to assist in fulfilling the Title IX Coordinator duties. The Deputy Title IX Coordinators are:

- Michelle R. Horvath, Assistant Dean of Students, Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity; Office number: 305-348-3939; email: conduct@fiu.edu
- Julie Berg-McGraw, Sr. Associate Athletic Director, Athletics Department; Office number: 305-348-2352; email: julie.bergmc_graw@fiu.edu
- Joann Cuesta-Gomez, Director, Office of Employee & Labor Relations; Office number: 305-348-4186; email: elr@fiu.edu
- Joanna Garcia, Program Director, Center for Leadership; Office number: 305-348-6995; email: jogarcia@fiu.edu

Reporting

Potential violations of Title IX or FIU-105 Regulation may be reported using the:

- Title IX Reporting Form
- Title IX Reporting via iSight
- Ethical Panther Line (you may also call 1-844-312-5358, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year)
- Student Conduct Incident Reporting Form

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Additional Resources

Tuition Fees for 2024–2025 academic year
<https://controller.fiu.edu/departments/student-financials-systems/bursar-cashiers/calculator/>

Academic Calendar for 2024–2025

<https://onestop.fiu.edu/academic-calendar>

FIU University Graduate School
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/>

Green School of International and Public Affairs
<https://sipa.fiu.edu/>

Dean Shlomi Dinar

Green School Office of Graduate Studies and Innovation

Manager, Cheryl Johnson

FIU Modesto Maidique Campus Map
<https://facilities.fiu.edu/images/pdf/Site/MMC.pdf>

FIU Biscayne Bay Campus Map
<https://facilities.fiu.edu/images/pdf/Site/BBC.pdf>

FIU Online (How to access FIU Online Courses, technical support, and more)
<https://fiuhelp.force.com/canvas/s/categories-student>

FIU Wellness and Recreation Centers
<https://wrc.fiu.edu/>

Florida International University (the University) affirms its commitment to ensuring that each member of the University community shall be permitted to work or study in an environment free from any form of illegal discrimination, including race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, national origin, marital status, and veteran status. The University recognizes its obligation to work towards a community in which diversity is valued and opportunity is equalized. This Regulation establishes procedures for an applicant or a member of the University community (faculty, staff, affiliated third parties, and/or student) to file a complaint of alleged discrimination or harassment. It shall be a violation of this Regulation for any member of the University community to discriminate against or harass any member of the University community or applicant. Discrimination and harassment are forms of conduct that shall result in disciplinary or other action as provided by the Regulations/policies of the University.

The University is also committed to creating a work or academic setting free from illegal discrimination based on sexual misconduct, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression which is addressed in FIU Regulation 105 Sexual Misconduct (Title IX).

OUR FACULTY



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