

TRANSPORTATION

Does my student need a car if they are living on or off campus?

You don't need a vehicle.

There are many safe and convenient transportation options available on-and-off campus. View our transportation services: www.transportation.fsu.edu website before deciding to bring a vehicle to campus. if you decide to bring your vehicle to campus:

- Register for your permit here: transportation.fsu.edu/parking/parking-permits
- Your permit is free with registration.
- Your permit is valid from Aug. 15 of this year to Aug. 15 of next year.
- And remember: Parking is very limited - plan plenty of time to find a space.

How often do busses stop at the bus stops?

Buses run every 15 to 20 mins. depends on the route. The Seminole Express bus service takes you to, around, and from campus to the surrounding Tallahassee area.

Students have free access to all StarMetro city buses

- taking you anywhere in Tallahassee! Please visit our website to view busses in real-time.

Currently The Seminole Express routes are currently unavailable until further notice. Students can ride Star Metro routes throughout the city at no charge with a valid student ID. We will have updates concerning the routes for the fall at a later date. For updates, please visit our website www.transportation.fsu.edu for Star Metro city routes.

Where can my student find information on bus routes?

Please visit www.transportation.fsu.edu website to view buses in real-time.

ATHLETICS

How does my student get tickets to football games?

Students will be emailed in August with a login URL as well as information regarding the online ticketing process.

Are other sports the same process?

Men's basketball runs the same way. For baseball and women's basketball, students simply walk up and show their ID at the gate.



SAA'S Q&A WITH FSU DEPARTMENTS

CAREER CENTER

As a freshman, how can the Career Center help my student?

The Career Center supports FSU students at every stage of the career development process! We understand that each Seminole's journey is unique, and we are excited to assist as they design their career. The Career Center offers several services to initiate and engage in career planning, such as career advising, exploring majors and careers, searching for a part-time job, and job shadow programs. The Career Center also offers our own elective course (SDS 3340: Intro to Career Development) to help students learn and develop the necessary skills to engage in life/career planning.

As a parent can I sign up as a mentor on the Professionle platform even if I'm not an alumnus of the university?

Absolutely! We rely on not only alumni, but also family members and friends of FSU to support students by sharing knowledge, experience, and career insights.

FSUPD

How many FSUPD officers are on campus at any given time?

Each patrol squad (4, two day shifts and two-night shifts) has 9 officers and 2 supervisors. These are sworn members assigned to uniform patrol 24 hours a day. There are other sections within the police department that support patrol, but their primary function is within their section (Investigations, Training, Crime Prevention, etc.)

Does FSUPD offer any self – defense classes or trainings?

We do, visit: police.fsu.edu/organization/crime-prevention-outreach/rape-aggression-defense-rad-training. Currently, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have cancelled fall classes for the safety of our community and instructors.

Will FSUPD officers be enforcing social distancing and mask usage?

No FSUPD will not be enforcing mask usage. Faculty and students will be expected to follow the guidelines and protocol established by the university.

What are all of the blue lights on campus for? Do they alert FSU PD when there is an emergency?

The Blue Light Trail consists of over 400 strategically placed light poles equipped with emergency speaker phones and topped with strobe lights. After pushing the emergency button on the pole you will be connected to an FSU Police Dispatcher.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT

How can my student get involved with student organizations and where can we look at what organizations are available?

FSU has more than 750 student organizations to get involved with! You can find the complete list of active organizations on [Nole Central](#). If your student isn't sure where to begin, we recommend they take the "[What Should I do at FSU](#)" quiz. Student may take this as many times as they like to learn more about different ways they can get involved.

If my student is staying home for the fall semester can they still get involved with student organizations?

Absolutely! Many of our student organizations are planning to host virtual meetings and events this year. Checkout the FSU Calendar and Nole Central for more event details. Our Student Organizations & Involvement office also regularly highlights student organization events on social media. Follow @fsusoi to learn more.



How can my student get involved with FSU's Student Government Association (SGA)?

SGA Senate meetings are open to all FSU students on Wednesday nights at 7pm. The location or zoom link are posted on the SGA website. Freshman Leadership Institute or Transfer Leadership Institute are some other great ways to get involved with SGA. FLI applications open each summer for the academic year and TLI occurs each spring semester. Students can also get involved with SGA by participating with one of our Agencies more information about our 6 Agencies can be found here sga.fsu.edu/agencies.html.

How can my student get involved with the Askew Student Life Center?

Meetings for all department affiliated student organization meetings will take place virtually in the fall. These organizations include films, gaming, special events, advertising, video production, content, and more! Learn more via social media by following @aslcgaming @slc_fsu

HOUSING

When can my student move into their dorm?

We hope to begin moving students into the halls the week of August 10 and do so through August 23. THIS SCHEDULE COULD CHANGE based upon University decisions responding to current status of COVID and student safety. Students will need to have an appointment to select a move-in time. Students with contracts for Fall will receive an email in July referring them to a link where they can select their day and time for move-in. There will be a limited number of students moving into a hall during each shift, so all students should make sure they have a time reserved.

Will there be people to help us move into my student's dorm?

No. Due to the risk of exposure for both the volunteers and the students and families, we are not providing volunteer help this year. Each student is asked to bring only 1 vehicle to campus and 2 other guests with you for move in. It is important to not have a large group with you due to the risks of exposure. Housing will provide detailed information regarding move-in on their website for students to review before arrival. Please watch the University Housing Website for updated information.

Is there anything I need to know about what my student can or cannot have in their dorm room?

Follow the information on the University Housing website for what can and cannot be in rooms. Each student should be prepared to move what they need for isolation for 14 days if they are advised to do so. Keeping a duffel packed with essentials may help make the move easier.

Is there anything COVID related that I should know about my student's dorm room or residence hall for the fall semester?

Most students will have a roommate and share a bathroom with another pair of students in a suite. Students will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness in their room / suite / apartment including any sanitization necessary from exposure or quarantine periods. Please make sure they have cleaning supplies to be able to do so. University Staff will sanitize public areas regularly to minimize exposure that may occur.

How will my student meet their residence hall leader?

The staff in the hall will reach out to each student to get to know them and serve as a support. This is more likely to happen remotely in order to keep everyone at a lower risk of exposure. Your student can go to the front desk area to find office hours, ways to meet with staff or gain information.

SEMINOLE DINING

Does my student have to have a meal plan?

No, students are not required to have a meal plan.

Will all dining halls be open in the fall?

Yes, all dining halls will be open in the fall.

How do places like Starbucks and the Chick-Fil-A on campus factor into the meal plans?

With the purchase of a meal plan, students also receive dining dollars. These dining dollars are just like having cash to spend in all our retail locations (any location other than Suwannee, Seminole Café and the FIGG). In all retail locations (except Starbucks and Argo Tea), you can use 1 meal swipe a day for a \$6 value. If your bill is over \$6, you can pay the difference with your dining dollars.

Is the 1851 dining hall included in the meal plan?

1851 is considered a retail location and the above will apply to those locations as well.

What campus dining options are available outside of the meal plan?

All Seminole Dining Locations on campus can be a part of every meal plan from utilizing meal swipes in the dining halls or in a retail location once a day or using your dining dollars that come with your meal plan. All our locations can be accessed even if you do not have a meal plan. You can use dining dollars purchased outside of a meal plan, FSU, credit or debit card.



OTHER FSU RESOURCES

Take a look at some previous SAA and Alumni Association Webinars. Many are relevant for incoming freshmen and generally helpful information for all:

alumni.fsu.edu/webinar-resources

Keep up to date about the latest information regarding COVID-19 and Florida State here:

news.fsu.edu/tag/coronavirus/

Stay up to date on all FSU events with the university calendar

calendar.fsu.edu

Important academic deadlines and dates can be found on the academic calendar here:

registrar.fsu.edu/calendar/

Join the Facebook group for parents of students in the class of 2024.

www.facebook.com/groups/2529709613782713/

Check out this comprehensive list of social media sites for all FSU entities.

www.fsu.edu/socialmedia/

Be sure to download any apps that may be helpful for you and your student:

www.fsu.edu/mobileapps/?myFSUmobile

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