

FIU New International Graduate Student Checklist

☐ Accessing my.fiu.edu and FIU Email

FIU uses <https://my.fiu.edu> as its student portal for everything from registering and paying for classes to applying for graduation. If you have never logged into **my.fiu.edu** please go to the website with your Panther ID number and use the default password. The default password is your date of birth in DDMMYYYY format (April 20, 1995 is 20Apr1995). Once you log in, the system will prompt you to change your password.

You can return to the **my.fiu.edu** log in screen to lookup your username. The **my.fiu.edu** log in page includes helpful links to your email, the FIU mobile app and other items to make your academic life simpler. FIU uses your Panther ID, username and password across all FIU systems. It is important that you check your FIU email address or set forwarding rules so you do not miss important information.

If you are having trouble accessing your my.fiu.edu student portal, please go to <https://fiu.service-now.com>. You can browse help topics or connect with IT specialists to help you resolve your issue.

☐ Obtain your F-1 or J-1 Student visa

In order to receive your F-1 or J-1 visa you will need to pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee. Once you pay the SEVIS fee you can schedule an appointment at your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You can find more information under “Pre-Arrival Information” on the Office of International Student and Scholar Services website:

<https://globalaffairs.fiu.edu/iss/international-students/new-f1-students/#prearrival>

Additional helpful information is available on the EducationUSA website that can help you in the transition to the U.S. Visit <https://educationusa.state.gov> for more information.

☐ Sign up for New Student Orientation

University Graduate School: Graduate student orientation often include two parts. The University Graduate School (UGS) provides an orientation to give you a better understanding of the university and its policy. You will receive an email from UGS about a month prior to the start of the semester with more information or you can visit <https://gradschool.fiu.edu> for more information.

Academic Program: Most academic departments provide their own program specific orientation program where students meet the Graduate Program Director, faculty members and current graduate students. Make sure to check your FIU email for an invitation to an academic program specific orientation and instruction on registering for classes.

☐ Finalize your Admission File

Submit official final transcripts showing your final grades and proof of graduation or degree received (if applicable). You must submit any outstanding admissions items to International Admissions prior to the end of your first semester at FIU. To view your missing items go to **my.fiu.edu** to view your “To Do” list.

☐ Submit your Immunization Records

Download all immunization forms at <https://studenthealth.fiu.edu>. All forms must be signed and stamped by a physician, a nurse practitioner, or a registered nurse and can be emailed to immune@fiu.edu or brought to the Health Compliance Office at Student Academic Success Center (OneStop –SASC 126). You must do this before you can register for classes.

Go to <https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/health-and-fitness/student-health/> and click on Forms to find “FIU Immunization Documentation Form”.

☐ Insurance Proof

All international students with F and J visas are required to have medical insurance prior to registration. You may either purchase insurance or provide proof of insurance coverage. Please visit <https://studenthealth.fiu.edu> and click on “Insurance” for more information.

Go to <https://internationaladmissions.fiu.edu/last-steps/> and click on “Immigration Process” under the heading “FIU Admitted Student Welcome Kit Forms”

☐ Find Housing

On-campus graduate student housing is limited and may not be available at the campus you prefer. You can find more information at <https://housing.fiu.edu>. There are many off-campus options for graduate students. Many of these options are within walking distance of the Modesto Maidique Campus (MMC). You can find off-campus housing resources at <https://www.fiuoffcampushousing.com/>.

☐ Register for Classes & Order Textbooks

You must log into your **my.fiu.edu** student portal to register for classes. Prior to registration, you should reach out to your program advisor. You can find your program manager contact by going to <https://go.fiu.edu/programs>. Your program manager will provide you with information on suggested coursework. You may also find this information on your academic program's website dedicated to current students. Make sure you are mindful of registration dates and deadlines by visiting the OneStop website <https://onestop.fiu.edu/academic-calendar>.

Once you have registered for classes and finalized your class schedule, it is time to order textbooks. You can find your textbooks at <https://fiu.bncollege.com>.

☐ Scholarships & Financial Support

International students interested in scholarships or financial support most often receive fellowships and Graduate Assistantships. UGS and academic department offer the bulk of funding available to international students at FIU; however, there are also external scholarships offered by outside organizations and agencies. To learn more about financial aid opportunities, please visit <https://gradschool.fiu.edu/students/funding>.

☐ Office of International Student and Scholars Services Check-In

In order to maintain active international student status in the United States, all F-1 & J-1 visa holders are required to check-in to the International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS). You can learn how check-in by visiting <https://go.fiu.edu/checkin>. You must complete the ISSS check-in immediately after arriving to the United States and no later than the Add/Drop deadline.

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☐ FIU One Card

The FIU One Card is the official FIU on-campus student identification card. All FIU students, faculty, staff and university affiliates are required to carry their FIU One Card for identification purposes while on campus. Please bring your class schedule for the current semester and a government issued photo I.D. to the FIU One Card Office. You will have your picture taken and official One Card issued. More information on the FIU One Card is here <https://shop.fiu.edu/onecard>.

☐ Parking Decal

If you plan to have a car on campus, you must have the University Parking Decal. All students pay a Transportation Access Fee each semester and the Department of Parking and Transportation will issue a virtual parking decal. For more information, please visit <https://parking.fiu.edu>.