Overview of Programs and Services

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Services Provided

• Academic Advising
• Learning Centers
• Career Advising
• Student Debt Advising
• Student Transitional Services
  • Living-Learning Communities
  • Transfer Student Services
  • First-Year Experience Program
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Academic Advising

Why is academic advising so important?

• One-on-one contact with students
• Aid in retaining & graduating students
• Establish relationship
  • Mutual Respect
  • Trust
  • Ethical Behavior
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Academic Advising

Purpose

• Assist students with academic planning including course selection.
• Discuss career choices and life goals with students so they declare the appropriate majors.
• Refer students to other campus support services that can help meet their academic needs and non-academic needs.
Academic Advising

Students are knowledgeable about:

- FAMU Policies & Procedure
- Resources and Support Services
- Advising/Registration Process
- Crafting Educational Plans
- Student Organizations
- Getting Connected to the FAMU Community
- Setting goals, reaching decisions, and achieving those goals
- Create a positive one-one-one relationship with other stakeholders
- Cultivating the intellectual habits that lead to lifelong learning
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Academic Advising

Structure

• 24 Student Success Advisors (Advise Freshmen and Sophomores)
• Decentralized Model
• Intrusive Advising Model
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Learning Centers
Success is closer than you think...

Gaither Study Center
(218 Gaither Classroom Complex)

Math Center
(105 and 106 Jackson Davis Hall)

Science Center
(214 Jones Hall)

Writing Resource Center
(124 Tucker Hall)

Schedule a tutorial:
https://famu.mywconline.com
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Learning Centers

Consisting of four study and/or tutorial spaces on campus, USSC Learning Centers provide individual and group educational experiences that assist students in developing fundamental skills that are needed to advance to and succeed in upper division courses—ultimately leading to student retention, progression, and graduation.
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Gaiter Study Center

Math Center

218 Gaither Complex - computer center, printing services, study areas, study skills workshops

Math: 105 & 106 Jackson Davis Hall - computer center, individual and group tutorials, study sessions
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Science Center

Writing Resource Center

Science: 214 Jones Hall
computer center, individual and group tutorials, study sessions

WRC: 124 Tucker Hall
computer center, individual tutorials, writing groups, workshops (in-class and in-center)
How can services benefit students?

Tutorial services, specifically peer tutoring methods, lead to...

- Higher Academic Achievement
- Improved Relationships with Peers
- Improved Social Development
- Increased Motivation
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Career Center

• Career Development Coaching & Counseling
• Careers & Majors Exploration
• Opportunities to Gain Experience
• Career Branding and Marketing
• Resume Critique
• Workshops and Seminars
• Personality and Career Assessments
• Career Placement
• Internships

• Onsite Recruitments
• Practice & Mock Interviews
• Alumni Services
• Graduate School Planning
• Labor Market Information
• Job Postings
• Teacher Recruitment Day
• Annual Rattler Career Planner
• Fall & Spring Career Expos
• Employer Receptions
Choosing a Major OR Career that Fits You

- **Self Awareness/Assessment-Taking Stock**
  - Values
  - Skills
  - Interests
  - Consider what you're passionate about

- **Career & Majors Exploration**
  - Research
  - Education planning resources
  - Info interviews
  - Experience
  - Labor Market information

- **Planning & Goal Setting**
  - Profile education and training options
  - Consider your options (skills, training, labor market, life style)
  - Make informed decisions
  - Choose the right classes and training opportunities (internships, campus activities, groups and organizations)
Don’t wait, do this now!!!

- Register with the FAMU Career Center and complete your VenomTrak profile
- Complete the MyPlan Career & Majors Assessment
- Begin to develop a resume
- Meet with Counselor
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FAMU Career Center

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Student Debt Counseling

Entrance Counseling is required

• If you plan on accepting Direct Subsidized or Direct Unsubsidized Loans at FAMU.
• If you have not previously received a subsidized or unsubsidized loan under the Direct Loan Program.
• For a Graduate student taking out Direct PLUS Loans.
• Parents who qualify for a Direct PLUS Loan to help pay for their children’s education expenses do not have to complete Entrance Counseling for the PLUS loan.
FAMU Financial Aid Facts

Priority Deadlines:
• March 1- for submission of FAFSA for FAMU.
• FAFSA can be completed January 1 of each year.

Facts:
• Pell Grant, FSAG and FSEOG are determined by need it is not guaranteed

• Scholarship information can be found at: www.famu.edu/financialaid
• Campus Liaisons are a great resource for quick FA questions.
• PLEASE encourage ALL students to check their iRattler DAILY for updates and needed documentation.
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Student Debt Counseling

The federal government requires that students who receive Title IV financial aid make satisfactory academic progress towards completing their degree.

• Satisfactory academic progress is measured in three ways:
  1. Course Completion Rate
  2. Program Time Frame to Complete a Degree (Timeframe Limitation)
  3. Cumulative Grade Point Average

• FAMU checks SAP status at the end of each academic year.
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Living Learning Communities

- Living-learning communities (LLCs) help students create a strong link between their lives in the residence hall and learning experiences in the classroom.

- Students with similar interests, goals, and academic programs are placed on designated floors within the residence halls.

- LLC Program begins in Fall 2015.
Living Learning Communities

- FAMU Target Population:
  - First-Year Students (Incoming Freshmen only)
- FAMU Living Learning Communities (*Major Specific)*:
  - Allied Health Sciences
  - Business and Industry
  - Journalism and Graphic Communication
  - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) – Honors (various majors)
- Location: FAMU Village
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Living Learning Communities

LLC Programming/Activities:
• Faculty engagement
• Mentors
• Group activities/projects
• Shared classes
• Study groups
• Service learning
• Experiential learning
• Field trips
• Cultural and social events
Living Learning Communities

• Student Application Process (Closed)
• Questions?
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First Year Experience Program

- First-Year Experience Program
  - SLS-1101 - First Year Experience Course
  - Peer Mentor Program
  - Academic Success Workshops

- First Year Experience Coordinator - Lawrence Brown
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Transfer Student Services

- Goal: Successful academic and social transition of transfer students

- Targeted Programming/Activities for Transfer Students

- Transfer Student Association

- Transfer Student Services Coordinator – Crystal Flowers (Crystal.Flowers@famu.edu or 850-412-7981)
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