

Student Life

College is a total educational experience. Learning takes place both within and outside the classroom and contributes to the growth and development of all students.

The division of student affairs provides leadership for programs and activities that enhance and supplement classroom experiences and enrich the student-centered environment at FDU for all students.

This catalog provides a brief overview of services, policies, procedures and regulations. For more detailed information, please see the *Student Handbook*, available in the Dean of Students Office or on FDU's website (www.fdu.edu).

Dean of Students

The dean of students provides administrative leadership, supervision and coordination for the division of student affairs. The division is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the students and provides for holistic student development. The division is the catalyst for creating and maintaining a campus climate that fosters intellectual, physical, spiritual, psychological, professional and social development of students and represents students' needs to the University administration and the faculty.

Campus ministry, residence life (not at the Metropolitan Campus), campus/student life, health services and student counseling and psychological services are encompassed in the student affairs division. The dean's office oversees student leaves of absence. The overall coordination of disciplinary matters, student government advisement, student affairs publications, the orientation of new students and commencement exercises are among the responsibilities of the Office of the Dean of Students.

On the Metropolitan Campus, the Graduate Student Association apprises graduate students of programs of interest on campus and provides a liaison to administration on campus.

The Dean of Students Office is available to respond to all aspects of the students' needs and should be used to mediate and resolve difficulties.

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Office of Campus Life

The Office of Campus Life promotes student leadership opportunities and provides co-curricular experiences that encourage personal development and learning in a responsible, respectful and supportive community environment. The staff promotes a quality of life that responds to and supports the changing nature of students by empowering them to become leaders in a global-based society.

The Office of Campus Life is responsible for residential and housing services, student activities, Greek life, multicultural affairs, First Year Experience, community service and student clubs/organizations. The office is located in the Student Center.

The *Student Handbook*, which includes rules, regulations and helpful information necessary for campus life, is provided to all students at orientation and is also available from the Office of Campus Life or on the FDU website (www.fdu.edu).

Residence Halls

Park Avenue: This building has 312 beds in apartment-style suites of four. Each suite has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen area and a common living room. The building is reserved for upperclass and graduate housing.

Rutherford Hall: Named after the University's first campus, this 293-bed residence hall opened in September 2003. Rutherford Hall houses upperclassmen in double bedrooms with a private bath. All rooms are climate controlled. Laundry, vending and trash facilities are located near the elevator on each floor. All floors have a common lounge.

The Village: The Village is composed of nine buildings and is used for upperclass and graduate-student housing. Each building consists of four- and six-person suites with a common living room, bathroom and two or three bedrooms. This area is coed by suites.

Twombly Halls: Florence and Hamilton Twombly Halls are traditional residence halls that provide double-room occupancy

and a common hall bathroom facility. Both buildings primarily house freshmen. The Twomblies are coed by floors.

Also available is special-interest housing that permits students to become involved in a total learning/living experience.

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Office of Residence Life

The Office of Residence Life strives to provide and sustain a safe, comfortable, secure and nurturing living-and-learning environment for students that is conducive to their personal growth, supports their academic pursuits, encourages and fosters a sense of community, civic responsibility and cultivates an appreciation of diversity.

The Office of Residence Life is responsible for the overall management, administration and program development of all University residential facilities with a capacity for approximately 1,000 residents. Living in the residence halls affords and encourages each resident the opportunity to participate in the shaping of their community.

University Court: This residence hall is comprised of 10 townhouse-style buildings. Each building has one to three same-gender sections on two floors of double-occupancy rooms with some single- and triple-occupancy rooms. There are shared bathrooms and a common area in each section. University Court is open to upperclassmen and graduate students. Special living options are located in this area: L.I.F.E. House (Living in a Free Environment), Global Scholars' Hall and Honor's House. University Court is open to graduate and undergraduate students. Freshmen admitted to L.I.F.E. House, the Global Scholars or Honors Scholars programs may choose to reside in this area in designated buildings that may include building sections with same-gender floors.

Lindens: The Lindens are comprised of eight buildings with three co-ed floors of same-gender suites, each consisting of three double-occupancy rooms. Each suite has a shared bathroom and common area. Specific Linden buildings may be designated for upperclass and graduate students only. Academic year-round housing (August to May), when available, is pro-

vided in Linden 6 on a first-come, first-served basis. There are two kitchens in Linden 6. Building entry doors are staffed with a 24-hour hall security assistant when classes are in session. New freshmen are not eligible to request a single room.

Northpointe: A traditional corridor-style residence hall consisting of four co-ed floors housing approximately 290 residents in same-gender, double-occupancy rooms. Each bedroom has a private bathroom. A common lounge, laundry room and vending machines are located on each floor. A kitchenette is available on the third floor. ADA-compliant rooms are available. The Northpointe main entry door is staffed with a 24-hour hall security assistant when classes are in session.

All residence-hall rooms have cable television plus wired and wireless Internet access.

Visit the residence life website at www.fdu.edu/reslifemetro.

Office of Student Life

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The Office of Student Life is responsible for student activities, the Student Programming Board, Greek life, multicultural affairs and student clubs and organizations. The office is located in the Student Union Building of the Metropolitan Campus.

Campus Ministry

The objective of the campus ministry program is threefold: to advocate for the spiritual wellness of the University community; to coordinate formal and informal religious services for a diverse student, faculty, staff and administrative community; and to provide the general coordination of all religious activities on campus including, but not limited to, the education of the University community about various religious heritages.

As members of the division of student affairs, the chaplains are available for con-

sultation on all matters, incidental or serious. Working with his colleagues in the division, the chaplain facilitates students' continued wellness at the University.

Career Development Center

Career development provides comprehensive services, programs and activities designed for the University community.

Career counseling is offered for students to explore their personal values, interests, abilities and career alternatives. Counselors are available to help evaluate students' activities, skills and past experience and relate these to future employment. Assistance with résumé writing, interview skills and job-search strategies are provided to help students with their job search.

Students needing internships, part-time, full-time, summer or volunteer employment can use the career development job-search websites to access current job postings. Career Fairs, employee-networking events, career-related workshops and on-campus recruiting activities are scheduled.

Dining Services

The dining service programs are designed to provide students, faculty, staff and guests with a wide array of nutritionally balanced and appealing menus. Several meal plans are available as well as a special commuter-program package. All dining hall meals include salad bars, soups of the day, entrée varieties, vegetable choices, beverages and desserts on an "all-you-can-eat" basis. Premium entrées as well as festive holiday meals are presented several times a year. Each campus has a main dining hall and other convenient snack bar locations.

Dining hall continuous hours of operation are:

*Monday–Thursday**

7:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.

*Friday**

7:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

*Saturday and Sunday**

11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Snack bar locations/hours of operation are posted. Sick trays and take-out lunches are available upon request.

**Hours subject to change at discretion of University.*

International Student Services

The Office of International Student Services serves the international community at the Metropolitan Campus and the Florham Campus. The department offers a wide array of programs and services to more than 1,000 international students from approximately 90 countries. Orientation programs are presented to facilitate the adjustment of international students to the American system of education and to offer insight into the cultural life of the United States. Cultural and social programs are offered for students to experience the surrounding New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

Through immigration services, the department helps students maintain their status in compliance with immigration regulations and apply for the immigration benefits for which they are eligible. All international students are required to purchase the University Group Medical insurance.

Wellness

Wellness at the University includes both student health services and student counseling and psychological services. In-house referrals between student health services and the counseling services help to ensure that students receive these comprehensive services in a confidential setting.

Student Counseling and Psychological Services

Student counseling and psychological services complements the academic experience of the student body by facilitating healthy personal, social and intellectual development of students. Life circumstances, skills deficits and/or mental health problems may at times interfere with a student's ability to successfully achieve important academic and life goals. The office's unique environment and role allows it to help students identify their problems, manage their emotions, learn new problem-solving skills and successfully meet the academic and social challenges of University life. This is accomplished by offering counseling, diagnostic evaluation, psychotherapy, advocacy and mental health referrals; developmental, preventative and remedial counseling to University students; consultation, educational and training services to the University community; and experiential workshops

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on essential life skills (i.e., assertiveness, stress management, sleep hygiene).

The student counseling and psychological services staff offers groups and workshops to the campus community on a variety of interest areas such as stress management, study skills, time management, drug abuse, etc.

Student counseling and psychological services on the Metropolitan Campus also offers a "Relaxation Room" resource room. Students are invited to utilize the resources in this facility to learn more about the sources and symptoms of stress in their lives and to develop their own personalized stress-management programs.

Student counseling and psychological services on the Florham Campus also offers holistic approaches to stress management such as Pet Therapy. Students are provided opportunities to destress and experience living more fully in the moment with certified therapy dogs.

Student Health Services

The health services' goals include keeping students well, providing care when they are not well and empowering students to make informed decisions about their health. Nurse practitioners and professional nurses assist students with their health concerns.

As both a resource and health clinic, student health services provides students with information regarding available medical and health-related services. Programs on wellness and health are offered as part of the student learning experience. All students are welcome.

Requirements for health and immunization records may vary, depending on the academic program in which the student is enrolled and the age of the student. Personalized requirements and details are available at <http://view2.fdu.edu/metropolitan-campus/student-health-services/> and at <http://view2.fdu.edu/florham-campus/health-services/>.

The University requires each full-time F1 international graduate student and most domestic graduate students to carry a University-sponsored accident policy and sickness and major medical coverage. As accident benefits are mandatory, the premium is included in college fees. If a domestic student has private sickness and major medical coverage, the University-sponsored program may be waived. A copy of the student's private insurance card then must be submitted to www.firststudent.com.

International students must present relevant documentation to the International Student Services Office. The cost of the University-sponsored insurance is kept low to make basic health insurance available to all students.

The student health service on each campus is staffed with competent, experienced registered nurses and nurse practitioners. For major emergencies and surgery, the neighboring community hospitals are used. A student may, however, choose his or her own physician at any time, either in or out of the hospital as long as he or she is in network.

Center for Psychological Services

The services provided by the Center for Psychological Services, located at the Metropolitan Campus, Teaneck, New Jersey, include psychological counseling, psychotherapy and psychodiagnostics. These services are available to the entire University community, including students, staff, faculty and their families, as well as to the general non-University community, regardless of residence. Services are provided by licensed psychologists and doctoral psychology students and are available on a sliding-scale fee basis.

Students can feel comfortable applying to the center as it functions on a purely confidential basis, and the center's records are not part of any University database. Also, for the student, fees may be reduced to a minimal level when indicated.

The center offers a full range of services for adolescents, children and adults. Services include individual, group and family therapy; marital and premarital therapy; and various specialized behavior-modification programs. Psychological assessment also is available, including vocational testing.

Athletics

Athletics plays a key role in the educational experience at Fairleigh Dickinson University and serves as an important building block for development of school spirit among students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University.

The varsity athletics program offers opportunities for all students, men and women, to enhance their physical skills at the highest competitive level and to

improve personal attributes such as discipline, leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship. In recognition of geographic factors, the varsity programs are divided between the Metropolitan Campus (Division I) and the Florham Campus (Division III). The athletics program also offers intramural and recreational opportunities to meet the needs and interests of the diverse campus population by providing a variety of activities in a relaxed environment.

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The Metropolitan Campus offers competition on the prestigious and highly competitive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I level. The Knights sponsor the following eight men's teams: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis and indoor and outdoor track and field. The following 11 varsity sports are sponsored for women: basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and volleyball. The University's commitment to women's athletics is reflective in the addition of women's soccer and softball teams in the 2000–2001 academic year and women's bowling in 2002–2003. The addition of these new teams brings sports sponsorship to 18. Athletic scholarship assistance is offered in all sports to deserving student-athletes. Prospective student-athletes are encouraged to contact the athletics department for further information.

FDU is a member of the Northeast Conference (NEC) and has won the NEC Commissioner's Cup, emblematic of the overall success of the athletic program, on six occasions, which is more times than any other league school. In the fall of 2001, the men's soccer team returned to national prominence, advancing to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division I Championships. The bowling team participated in the NCAA National Championships six times, winning the National Championships in 2006 and 2010. Winning the 2005 NEC Championship propelled the men's basketball team to the NCAA Tournament where they trailed eventual NCAA runner-up Illinois by one at halftime.

FDU's Metropolitan Campus also holds membership in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, the New Jersey Association for Intercollegiate Athletics

of Women, the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association, the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference and the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America.

An important facet of the University's commitment to athletics is the George and Phyllis Rothman Center on the banks of the Hackensack River. The Rothman Center features facilities for the varsity teams as well as for intramural sports, personal fitness and cultural and social events. The center has the versatility to accommodate many different activities. Four basketball courts, three volleyball courts and two tennis courts, along with three racquetball courts, a weight room and a six-lane, 200-meter track, allow the University a wide variety of recreational activities.

The fitness center, a state-of-the-art facility, features basketball courts, cardiovascular equipment, circuit-training equipment and a commuter lounge. In the spring of 2004, a new softball field was opened, giving the Knights a home with lighting and seating for 500 on the Hackensack side of campus.

The intramural and recreation department offers activities for the entire campus community. Intramural football, softball, soccer, basketball, billiards and volleyball, along with recreation aerobics, are open for participation by all students, staff, faculty and administration.

Whether students are interested in recreation or intercollegiate competition, FDU is committed to providing them with opportunities to develop their bodies as the classroom develops their minds.

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The University's Florham Campus holds membership in the NCAA (Division III), the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, the Freedom Conference, the Middle Atlantic Conference and the Middle Atlantic Athletic Corporation. Men's varsity teams compete intercollegiately in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and tennis. Women athletes compete in basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

An important facet of the University's commitment to athletics is the Roberta Chiaviello Ferguson and Thomas G. Ferguson Recreation Center, an 82,000-square-foot complex which contains three full-size basketball courts; a performance court

which seats 3,000; a suspended three-lane jogging track; weight-training, aerobic and dance facilities; a 25-yard competition swimming pool; two racquetball courts; and offices and locker rooms for student and intercollegiate use.

Robert T. Shields Field is the 4,000-seat home of Devils football, field hockey, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse. It has a state-of-the-art scoreboard and press box atop the bleachers. The playing surface is field turf, which allows games to be played in any weather.

The athletic department sponsors intramural competition in volleyball, basketball, tennis, wrestling, softball, touch football, bowling, golf, cross country and swimming. Several recreation and fitness programs, such as aerobics, karate and dance, also are offered by the athletic department. A majority of students at the Florham Campus are actively involved in the intercollegiate and intramural programs that are offered.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

As a recipient of federal educational funds, Fairleigh Dickinson University is bound by the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Subject to specified exceptions, the University is required to have a student's written consent before disclosing personally identifiable information from a student's educational records to third parties. An educational record is information directly related to a student, which is maintained by the University or any individual on behalf of the University, in any recorded form. Grades, evaluations, financial records and class-attendance and financial-aid records are common examples of educational records.

FERPA gives students a right to review and copy their educational records and to challenge any educational record for being inaccurate or misleading. The University must provide a hearing to any student who wishes to challenge an educational record on either ground. If the University grants the student's challenge, then it must amend the record in question. If the University does not grant the student's challenge, it must nevertheless allow the student to append a statement to the disputed record. This right of review and challenge does not include the right to challenge grades; that right is provided through the University's

Grade Appeal Procedures policy. The University maintains a log which identifies persons who have accessed a student's record. Students have a right to review logs.

FERPA does not require the University to have student consent to disclose personally identifiable information to parents of students who are listed as dependents on their parents' federal income tax returns. In the event of a health or safety emergency, the University may disclose personally identifiable information, without student consent, if the information is needed to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons. The University may disclose to the parents of students below 21 years of age disciplinary action for illegal use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs. FERPA permits the University to disclose the final outcomes of student disciplinary hearings, including sanctions, to victims of misconduct, if they so request, when the misconduct constitutes a crime of violence or a nonforcible sex offense.

FERPA allows the University to disclose students' directory information but requires the University to give students an opportunity at the start of each academic year to request that the University not disclose their directory information. Directory information is information such as name, address, telephone number, date of birth, dates of attendance, major field of study, class level, registered credits for the current term, major field of study, honors and awards, degree conferred, participation in sports and recognized activities.

Student Regulations

The University reserves the right in its sole judgment to make changes of any nature in the University's academic program, courses, schedule or calendar whenever in its sole judgment it is deemed desirable to do so. The University also reserves the right to shift colleges, schools, institutes, programs, departments or courses from one to another of its campuses. The foregoing changes may include, without limitation, the elimination of colleges, schools, institutes, programs, departments or courses; the modification of the content of any of the foregoing; the rescheduling of classes, with or without extending the announced academic term; and the cancellation of scheduled classes or other academic activities. If such changes are deemed

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desirable, the University may require or afford alternatives for scheduled classes or other academic activities and will give adequate notification of any change such as is reasonably practical under the circumstances.

The University may suspend classes if they cannot be held for reasons beyond its reasonable control, such as fire, destruction of buildings, civil disturbances, work stoppage, labor dispute, strike, lock out (and whether or not in any of the last four cases it is within the University's power to concede to or meet the demands of its faculty or other employees), wars or governmental actions. If such suspension lasts for an extended period of time and the University does not schedule appropriate make-up classes, a partial refund of tuition will be made as the University deems appropriate under the circumstances. Payment of tuition or attendance at any classes shall constitute a student's acceptance of the University's rights as set forth in this and the preceding and following paragraphs.

Students who accept enrollment at the University are expected to live up to the highest standards of academic integrity, conduct themselves with decorum and responsibility, abide by the rules and regulations promulgated from time to time by the University and otherwise comply with the requirements of the applicable Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct as stated in the *Student Handbook*, available from the Dean of Students Office and on the FDU website (www.fdu.edu). The University reserves the right to discipline, including dismissal or suspension, any student who fails to comply with the foregoing.

Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct

The University is committed to maintaining a fair and respectful environment for living, work and study. To that end, and in accordance with federal and state law, the University prohibits any member of the faculty, staff, administration, student body, volunteers or visitors to campus, whether they be guests, patrons, independent contractors or clients, from harassing and/or discriminating against any other member of the University community because of that person's race, creed, color, religion, handicap/disability, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, pregnancy status, ancestry or national origin. Incidents of harassment and discrimination will be met with appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the University.

Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity

The University is committed to maintaining a discrimination-free academic environment for its students and employees. No one will be denied employment or admission to the University on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, handicap/disability, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, pregnancy status, ancestry or national origin. The University does not discriminate on the basis of any of the aforementioned protected classes in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff and the operation of any of its programs and activities as specified by the federal or state law and regulations.

Every member of the University community is expected to uphold this policy as a matter of mutual respect and fundamental fairness in human relations. Every student of this institution has a responsibility to conduct himself/herself in accordance with this policy as a condition of enrollment. Further, every University employee has a responsibility to conduct himself/herself in accordance with this policy as a condition of employment.

Reporting of Complaint

Any University student who feels subjected to harassment or discrimination in any manner should immediately report the matter to the assistant dean of students as they serve as deputy Title IX coordinators for their respective campuses.

Employees should report cases of harassment to the director of benefits and training in the Human Resources Office located in Dickinson Hall on the Metropolitan Campus and can be reached directly at (201) 692-2704. In addition, employees can report to his/her supervisor or anyone employed in a supervisory capacity at the University.

If for any reason, including the unavailability of one of the deputy Title IX coordinators or the complainant's discomfort with their designated deputy Title IX coordinators, complaints of discrimination and/or harassment under this policy can be made to the associate vice president of human resources (University Title IX coordinator), located in Dickinson Hall on the Metropolitan Campus and can be reached directly at (201) 692-2706. This includes complaints concerning administrators, supervisors, employees, staff, faculty, volunteers, students and visitors.

Please refer to the University's Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct Policy for more information regarding the adjudication process. The policy is located on the following link: <http://fdu.edu/hr/nondiscriminationandantiharassmentpolicy.pdf>.

Clery Act

In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or Clery Act, FDU's Department of Public Safety reports information relating to crime statistics and security measures to the appropriate government agencies. These statistics are also open for public inspection. Current and prospective students, University employees and job applicants are also advised of the availability of these reports. The University will provide a paper copy of the report upon request. Visit the following link for more information: <http://view2.fdu.edu/about-fdu/facts-about-fdu/clery-act-statistics/>.