

3. Athletics

Mission Statement

Recognizing that competitive athletics provide enriching and rewarding experiences for students, the Metropolitan Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University is dedicated to maintaining Division I intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the University's educational experience. Achieving academic excellence, however, is the central mission of the University, and, accordingly, FDU encourages and emphasizes the importance of its student-athletes fulfilling their degree requirements (see page 22).

Participation in Division I athletics provides equal opportunity for all students, men and women, to enhance and refine their physical skills at the highest competitive level and to improve personal attributes such as discipline, leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship. Additionally, the athletics program serves as an important building block for the development of institutional loyalty and school spirit among students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University.

A successful athletics program is dependent upon the cooperation and support of the Board of Trustees, the administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the public. Knowledgeable coaches and dedicated student-athletes who are committed to fostering integrity and excellence in a cooperative atmosphere and devoted to implementing the philosophical stance of the governing bodies of intercollegiate athletics ensure the fulfillment of the University's mission on athletics.

Programs and Services

Athletics are an integral component of the educational process at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The athletics program seeks to promote and stimulate interest and participation in intercollegiate, intramural and recreational programs for men and women at each campus.

A newly-renovated soccer field was unveiled in September 2004. The all-weather, FieldTurf surface enables the soccer teams to play and practice year-round. In the fall of 2002, the University opened a new \$4.3-million Fitness Center. This facility offers a full court set-up for volleyball/basketball as well as a state-of-the-art cardiovascular exercise area, selectorized and free weight rooms and an aerobics/dance studio. Locker rooms and a spacious student lounge are also available in the center.

The George and Phyllis Rothman Center on the Metropolitan Campus is a modern facility available to all students. It accommodates varsity teams, intramural sports and cultural and social events. The center has courts for several sports, a six-lane track, a completely equipped weight room and two racquetball courts. In the spring of 2004, the University completed construction of a new softball field. The field, located on the Hackensack side of cam-

pus, has dugouts, outdoor lighting and seating for 500, making it one of the premier softball facilities in northern New Jersey.

The Metropolitan Campus features Division I intercollegiate sports including baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field and volleyball. FDU is a member of the Northeast Conference (NEC), and its athletic teams have won many conference titles. The University has won the NEC's Commissioner's Cup, awarded to the school that fares best in the league, on six occasions — more than any other NEC member.

The campus offers a full intramural program open to all students. Organized intramural competition includes volleyball, basketball, tennis, badminton, softball, table tennis, archery, flag football, bowling, billiards and aerobics. Club-sport offerings include bowling and cricket.

The University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, the New Jersey Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference and the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association.

Athletic Teams

Men's

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Tennis
Track (Indoor)
Track (Outdoor)

Women's

Basketball
Bowling
Cross Country
Fencing
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track (Indoor)
Track (Outdoor)
Volleyball

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Rothman Center Hours:

Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday, 7 a.m.–8 p.m.
Weekends, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (when available)

Fitness Center Hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.–11 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.–11 p.m.
Friday, 6:30 a.m.–10 p.m.
Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.