

## 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* on FDU's website ([www.fdu.edu](http://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 a 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, 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.

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.

## Campus Life

### Florham Campus

#### 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 available on the FDU website ([www.fdu.edu](http://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 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 housing. Each building consists of 10 six-person suites, a bathroom and 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 first-year students. The Twomblies are coed by floors.

### 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 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 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

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## Metropolitan Campus

### Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life at the Metropolitan Campus 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.

Some of the services that the Office of Student Life provides are management of the Student Union Building, supervision of more than 85 student organizations, leadership development, community service, Greek life, campus events and traditions, Student Union Building employment, Information Desk, Knight Club gaming area, Knight Owl concessions, Metro Lounge study area, student advocacy, Student Government Association fiscal operations and much more.

The Office of Student Life is located on the main level of the Student Union Building.

### Office of Housing and Residence Life

The Office of Housing and 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.

Housing and 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. 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 coed 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 provided 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 coed 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.

For more information about the programs and services offered by Housing and Residence Life visit [www.fdu.edu/reslifemetro](http://www.fdu.edu/reslifemetro).

### Campus Ministry

The objective of campus ministry 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

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

### Student Counseling and Psychological Services

Student Counseling and Psychological Services (S-CAPS) complements the academic experience of the student body by facilitating healthy personal, social and intellectual development by offering psychological and mental health counseling for students seeking to work through personal problems. Life circumstances, skills deficits and/or mental health issues may at times interfere with a student's ability to successfully achieve important academic and life goals. S-CAPS aim is to help students gain greater understanding of themselves and their values, identify problems and attitudes which contribute to them, explore alternative courses of action and develop skills to cope with their problem(s), increasing their academic, social and vocational successes.

All services provided by S-CAPS are **private and confidential**, and are provided **free of charge** to all interested Fairleigh Dickinson University students.

The college years can be exciting, challenging and scary all at the same time. Sometimes life can feel a little overwhelming and tough to face on one's own. Social, academic or personal conflict can create feelings of distress, as well as strain one's sense of emotional well-being. When students experience disturbing thoughts, emotions or events, it is often helpful to speak with a nonjudgmental expert in human relations.

Fairleigh Dickinson University students often see a counselor because they are experiencing a tough time due to social, academic, or personal struggles. S-CAPS licensed mental health counselors provide emotional treatment and/or support to help students problem solve personal issues, increase their academic retention and focus and lead happier and more productive lives.

Some reasons for counseling:

- Stress
- Anxiety and Fear
- Depression
- Relationship Issues
- Confusion
- Concern for a Friend or Loved One

- Difficulty Balancing College, Work and Family
- Multicultural Demands
- Anger
- Grief and Loss
- Adjustment Problems
- Feeling Sad or Lonely
- Trouble Concentrating, Studying or Taking Tests
- Concerns About Alcohol or Other Drugs
- Family Problems

## **Student Health Services**

For information on Student Health Services see this page.

## **Career Development Center**

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

Career advising is offered for students to explore their personal values, interests, abilities and career alternatives. Advisers are available to help evaluate students' activities, skills and past experiences 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. Students and alumni can connect with employers through career fairs, employee-networking events, career-related workshops and on-campus recruiting.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 whether the student is a commuter and/or dormitory resident. 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 student 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](http://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/or surgeries, the neighboring community hospitals are utilized. 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.

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

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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.

### Metropolitan Campus

The Metropolitan Campus offers competition on the prestigious and highly competitive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I level. The Knights sponsor 19 programs in total including eight men's teams: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis and indoor/outdoor track and field and 11 women's teams: basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, golf, soccer, softball, tennis and indoor/outdoor track and field and volleyball. Athletic scholarship assistance is offered in all sports to deserving student-athletes, while prospective student-athletes are encouraged to contact the athletic department for further information.

The Burgundy and Blue compete as a member of the Northeast Conference (NEC) and have won a total of six NEC Commissioner's Cups, which are emblematic of the overall achievements of the athletic program. Across the board, the Knights have enjoyed tremendous success

highlighted by a pair of NCAA National Bowling Championships (2006, 2010); three National Fencing Championships (1960, 1963, 1969); six NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament appearances; 18 NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament appearances; and eight Northeast Conference Women's Golf Championships. Across the board, the Knights have collected 66 NEC Team Championships. Most recently, the 2018–19 FDU men's basketball team made school history by winning the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament game and advancing in the tournament. The historic season included the team's second NEC Championship in the past four seasons and first NEC Regular Season Championship in 13 years. Individually, the Knights have featured five NCAA Track and Field Champions between the men's and women's programs, four National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) Champions, seven NEC Men's Golf Champions and five NEC Women's Golf Champions.

On both the Teaneck and Hackensack sides of campus, you will find state-of-the-art athletic facilities which host events throughout the year. In Hackensack, the flagship facility is the George and Phyllis Rothman Center which rests on the banks of the Hackensack River. The facility is home to the FDU basketball, volleyball, fencing and track and field teams as well as the weight room and the athletic department's administration. Throughout the year, the facility hosts major community events including graduation ceremonies and the Bergen County High School Basketball Jamboree. Also located on the Hackensack side of the river is the FDU Softball Field. Crossing the pedestrian bridge to the Teaneck side of campus, you will find the Naimoli Family Baseball Complex, which is home to the Knights baseball team. The complex, which is one of the top baseball facilities in all of New Jersey, was built in 2011 and named after Vince Naimoli an FDU alumnus and original owner of the Major League Baseball franchise Tampa Bay Rays. Across the street from the baseball complex lies University Stadium and the FDU Tennis Courts. The FieldTurf University Stadium is home to the FDU men's and women's soccer programs and features seating for more than 1,200 fans. For more information regarding FDU Knights athletics, visit [FDUKnights.com](http://FDUKnights.com).

### Florham Campus

The University's Florham Campus holds membership in the NCAA (Division III), the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference and the Middle Atlantic Conference. 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 and tennis.

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 and women's lacrosse and men's and women's soccer. 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, softball, touch football, bowling, golf, cross country and swimming. Several recreation and fitness programs, such as aerobics, karate, yoga 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 FERPA. Subject to specified exceptions set forth by FERPA, 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, class-attendance records 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, 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. The University maintains a log which identifies persons who have accessed a student's record. Students have a right to review log.

There are a number of exceptions to FERPA's prohibition against nonconsensual disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records. Under these exceptions, the University is permitted to disclose personally identifiable information from education records without consent, though they are not required to do so. Among these exceptions are the University's right to disclose personally identifiable information to: parents of students who are listed as dependents on their parents' federal income tax returns; appropriate third parties in the event of a health or safety emergency; parents of students under 21 years of age with regard to the student's violation of any federal, state or local law or of any rule of policy of the institution governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance; and final results of a disciplinary hearing to victims of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense.

FERPA allows the University to disclose students' Directory Information without consent. University students will be provided an opportunity at the start of each academic year to request that the University not disclose their Directory Information.

## 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 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](http://www.fdu.edu)). The University reserves the right to discipline, including dismissal or suspension, any student who fails to comply with the foregoing.

## Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct

The University is committed to maintaining a fair and respectful environment for living, working and studying. To that end, and in accordance with federal and state law, this University applies to the conduct of, and protection of, University faculty, staff, administrators, supervisors, employees, students, volunteers, guests, patrons, independent contractors or clients and visitors of the University and prohibits any of the foregoing from harassing and/or discriminating against any other member of the University community because of that person's sex, race, creed, color, religion, handicap/disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, 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.

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## **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 sex, race, creed, color, religion, handicap/disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, 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, employee, volunteer, guest, patron, independent contractor, client or visitor who feels subjected to harassment or discrimination in any manner, including complaints about the conduct of administrators, supervisors, employees, staff, faculty, volunteers, students and visitors, should immediately report the matter to Public Safety [(201) 692-2222 or (973) 443-8888], the University's Title IX coordinator [(201) 692-2706] and/or one of the deputy Title IX coordinators [(973) 443-8574 or (201) 692-2190]. Any member of the University community who feels at risk of imminent harm should call law enforcement at 911.

Please refer to the University's "Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct" for more information regarding support services that may be available to reporting parties as well as the adjudication process. The policy may be found at <http://fdu.edu/hr/nondiscriminationandantiharassmentpolicy.pdf>.

## **Clery Act**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose information about campus crime and security policies. Fairleigh Dickinson University Metropolitan Campus director of the department of public safety is responsible to prepare and distribute the annual reports for the four campuses. The reports are also available on the Fairleigh Dickinson University website at <https://view2.fdu.edu/about-fdu/facts-about-fdu/clery-act-statistics/>.

For a paper copy of the report, contact Metropolitan Campus Public Safety Director David Miles at 201-692-2227 or [dmiles@fdu.edu](mailto:dmiles@fdu.edu).