

## 16 - Resources and Services

- Use Academic Computer Center resources
- Take advantage of Smith University Center services—athletic equipment room, physical fitness facilities, etc.
- Attend certain campus events which may require presentation of the card
- Utilize the Dining Meal Plan
- Take advantage of discounts or special opportunities offered by many local businesses to students presenting the FMU ID Card

The FMU Identification Card is issued during a student's initial registration at no cost and remains valid as long as he or she is officially enrolled and has paid all fees. Replacement cost is generally non-refundable (marriages, name changes, or defective cards accepted).

The card has the capability of carrying monetary value (debit account) and can be used by the person who holds the card to make purchases on campus. The Patriot Bookstore, Ervin Dining Hall and The Grille are equipped to use the debit portion of the card as payment. The card offers a 10 percent discount on all food purchases. Refunds may only be requested upon graduation or official withdrawal from the University. Requests should be submitted to the Accounting Office, Stokes Administration Room 103. See the "Patriot Card Holder Agreement" at [www.fmarion.edu/about/fees](http://www.fmarion.edu/about/fees) for more information on the terms and use of the FMU ID card as a debit card.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

FMU is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for the campus community and our guests. The University operates a Campus Police Department to provide around-the-clock police protection. Campus police officers are certified state police officers with full arrest authority for violations of state laws. Officers enforce all University regulations and policies. Officers are responsible for the immediate response to violent incidents on campus, law and traffic enforcement, crime and traffic accident investigation, initial fire and medical emergency response, and campus evacuation for severe weather conditions, such as tornadoes and hurricanes. Outdoor emergency telephones and callboxes are strategically located throughout the campus to aid our crime prevention efforts and individual assistance program. Several outdoor emergency siren towers are located around campus in order to notify campus community members during an emergency.

The Downtown Health Sciences campus is patrolled by Francis Marion University Police officers working in close partnership with officers from the Florence Police Department, who patrol adjacent to the facility.

Your personal safety and the security of the campus community are of vital concern to FMU. A series of policies and procedures were developed to ensure every possible precautionary measure is taken to protect everyone on campus. The University annually publishes the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics and Fire Reporting Act Report which is available to everyone. The Clery Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on-campus; in certain off-campus buildings/property owned or controlled by FMU and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also contains information on campus security, facility access, alcohol and drug laws/policy, crime reporting, crime prevention measures, sexual harassment policy, sexual assault issues, missing students protocols, and campus residential fires and fire safety. You can obtain a copy of the Clery Report by contacting the FMU Campus Police Department, PO Box 100547, Florence, SC 29502-0547. You can request that a copy be mailed to you by calling 843-661-1109, or you can access the report on our website: [www.fmarion.edu/about/police](http://www.fmarion.edu/about/police).

- **WEAPONS** – The possession and/or use of firearms (handguns, rifles, shotguns) on campus is prohibited under state law except under very limited circumstances. Violations can result in the arrest of the violator. Other weapons: BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, paintball guns, sling

shots or other projectile weapons; hatchets, knives (with blades 2" or longer), swords or other edged weapons; bows/arrows, explosives, fireworks, chemical components expelled by compressed gases such as OC or pepper spray; impact weapons such as batons, nun chucks, slap jacks, brass knuckles or martial arts type weapons; electrical shock devices (i.e. stun gun or Taser); dangerous/noxious chemical mixtures, incendiary devices, propelled missiles or other dangerous substances are prohibited on campus and can result in removal from campus housing and/or suspension from the University for the person possessing the item. All weapons or prohibited items will be confiscated and may be destroyed.

- **PARKING AND TRAFFIC** – Anyone operating a vehicle on campus is subject to South Carolina laws and FMU Traffic Regulations. Motor vehicle operation on campus is a privilege granted by the Board of Trustees which may be withdrawn at any time for cause. FMU, its officers, and employees assume no responsibility for damage to or loss of any vehicle or its contents while it is operated or parked on campus. Accidents, thefts from or damage to vehicles should be reported to Campus Police. Campus traffic regulations are published in a Traffic Regulations Handbook, in the Student Handbook and on the web at [www.fmarion.edu/about/fmutrafficregulation](http://www.fmarion.edu/about/fmutrafficregulation).
- **VEHICLE REGISTRATION** – Registration is required for every vehicle driven or parked on campus by an FMU community member. Students obtain permanent decals from the Cashier's Office in Stokes Administration Building. This decal is good for an academic year, expiring on August 31. Decals must be permanently affixed on the left rear bumper OR to the bottom left rear exterior glass using the supplied adhesive. The decal must be displayed in the most prominent place on mopeds, motorcycles, or motor scooters and clearly visible from the rear. Decals are vehicle specific and not transferable. Temporary parking permits for up to 10 days may be obtained from the Cashier's Office or from Campus Police for a substitute vehicle. To obtain a Temporary Parking Permit, the person seeking a temporary permit must have a vehicle permanently registered on campus for the current academic year and the vehicle temporarily being used belongs to a family member or is a rental. Two temporary permits per semester are permitted.

### HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

The Housing and Residence Life Office promotes academic success by providing safe, comfortable, attractive, modern, and well-maintained residential facilities and quality management operations.

Campus housing can accommodate more than 1,500 residents in either traditional residence halls or apartments. Campus housing facilities are designed to accommodate full-time undergraduate students enrolled in 12 (or more) credit hours and graduate students enrolled in six (or more) credit hours. Students enrolled in fewer credit hours during the last semester of study prior to graduation are also eligible. Students enrolled in fewer credit hours may receive assignments when space is available.

#### Residence Hall Assignments

Freshmen who choose to live on campus are assigned to residence halls, where students live in a four-person suite including two bedrooms and one bathroom. Some upper-class students also receive assignments in the residence halls.

#### Village Apartment Assignments

Students who have completed two semesters of college (minimum of 24 credit hours) with acceptable academic and disciplinary records are eligible to apply for assignment in the Village Apartments. The Village Apartments offer two options. The four-student units contain four bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room and furnished kitchen. The two-student units contain one shared bedroom, one bathroom, a living room and furnished kitchen.