

Choosing a college
about students first.
We know a place that works.

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It's a "Goldilocks" place.

Size does matter when students are picking a university, a place where they can live, grow, learn and laugh for some of the best and most interesting years of their lives. Some want the hustle and bustle and the crowds of huge state universities. Others prefer the almost-monastic solitude of a small private college. Many, we've found, are looking for a blend and that's what Francis Marion University is. We're big enough, dynamic enough, to offer students robust academic possibilities – we have **more than 60 majors and courses of study**, with more coming every day – yet we still manage to offer students an intimate experience. The campus is walkable from one end to the other in 20 minutes. Regular comments reference its friendliness and its familiarity. With **4,000** students, we're bigger than almost every high school, so students know they've moved to another level. At the same, the leap is not so big as to risk feeling overwhelmed or lost.

As many of our students would tell you, they're in a good place here.

Our faculty can really teach.

That is, they will really be the ones teaching a class. They can really teach, too – it's a passion for many of our 250-plus faculty members – but at FMU the professors do almost all the teaching. We rarely use graduate assistants, and, as a result, many of our top researchers and longest-tenured PhD's **still lead entry level courses**. It's not like that everywhere, as you may have heard, but it is like that at FMU.

The Francis Marion University Guide for Counselors and School Personnel is intended as a tool for teachers, counselors and administrators who may be called upon to provide advice and counsel to students as they make college choices. We hope it will answer many questions and, hopefully, provoke a few more. We'll be happy to provide more information, and to talk to you or a student at any time. Let us know how we can help!

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College is all about finding the right fit, finding **a place** they can call their own. It could be **a great fit** for a lot of your students.

Marion University

Let us tell you our story.

This is our time.

Francis Marion is not an old place – we were founded less than 50 years ago – and that may be why we’ve had less trouble keeping up with the times than some universities. Our alumni are younger and our approach is youthful, too.

Yes, we still teach the classics here. Students must be well grounded, no matter what field they choose. But we are constantly considering the changes in the world around us – seismic shifts they seem at times – and developing programs based on meeting the newly crafted demands of our community and our students. This can be seen most easily in the recent growth in FMU’s School of **Health Sciences**. But our new programs in **Music Industry**, **Industrial Engineering** and (coming soon) **Recreational Therapy** are all signs of the times, if you will.

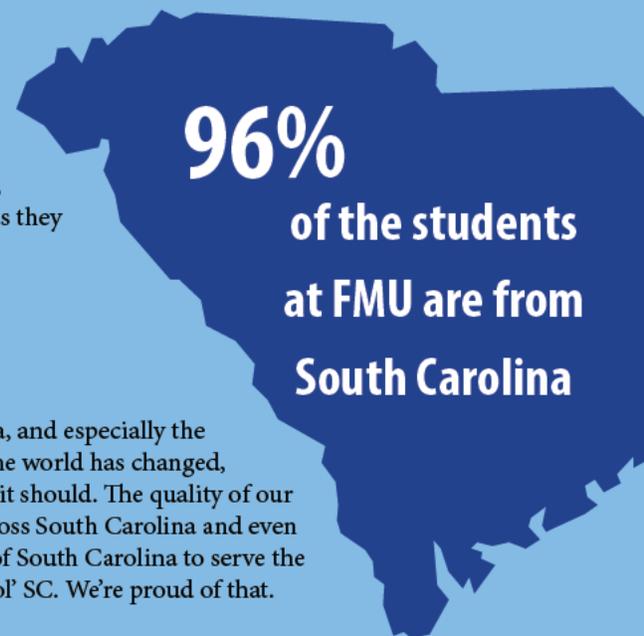
Signs that the future is our time, FMU’s time.

We do the basics well.

FMU’s professional programs are growing and expanding, but our core disciplines are just as strong as ever. We offer students a superb liberal arts foundation, which we believe remains essential. And some of our bedrock programs – **Business**, **Education**, **Psychology**, **Biology**, **Physics** – will serve future generations well, just as they have served generations in the past.

We understand our mission.

Francis Marion University was created in 1970 to serve the people of South Carolina, and especially the people of the Pee Dee Region. And that’s still what we do. Yes, as we’ve grown and the world has changed, our student population has developed new characteristics and greater diversity – as it should. The quality of our programs and their increasing relevance means that we do attract students from across South Carolina and even beyond. But we remain true to our basic principles. We were created by the people of South Carolina to serve the people of South Carolina. Ninety-six percent of the student body is still from good ol’ SC. We’re proud of that.





FMU is committed to affordability

The great national debate on college debt and the cost of higher education is ongoing, which is just fine with us. We encourage it. Smart families need to consider the value they receive for their hard-earned dollar.

Our view is that a big part of our task is to deliver high-quality education as affordably as possible. We take this very, very seriously.

On the cost side, we operate with one of the leanest, and most efficient, administrative staffs in the state. We build the buildings we need **without debt** so our future students don't face that burden. And we maintain facilities in a manner that insures safety and some aesthetic appeal (many visitors are struck by the natural beauty of the FMU campus) but which can be best described as "functional." It is a working campus, for hard-working faculty and students; not a Taj Mahal.

By watching what you might call our overhead carefully, we are able to put more funds right where they belong. In the classroom.

There are millions of ways we can help

Keeping costs down is one part of the affordability equation. The other is making more funds available to help students and families pay their way. The FMU Foundation, and the university's leadership, have been aggressive in seeking more private dollars for scholarships. In the past decade alone, academic scholarship aid at Francis Marion has grown by 47 percent to almost **\$9 million per year**. Scholarships provided by the University and its many donors have grown even more.

We don't like asking for money any more than anyone else, but asking for funds to help support young men and women as they receive the education they need to make the world a better place is a task we embrace. Our donors embrace it, too. Giving to support scholarships and related aid is up by 79 percent in the past 10 years.

Almost 90 percent of all FMU students receive some kind of aid. Typically, that's a mix of state, federal and FMU donor-funded dollars. Our Financial Assistance Office works hard to find the best formula for everyone.



Academic help for students who need it... ... which is most of them.

Francis Marion has a long history of providing extensive tutoring programs for its students, but we're kicking that up a notch with the creation of our new **Center for Academic Success and Advisement (CASA)**. Under the "CASA" roof, we'll have our renowned Writing Center, our Math and Tutoring Centers, and a team of advisors tasked with helping students navigate their university path. That's in addition to the advisement work handled by our faculty on a regular basis. That means each student will have access to at least two different advisors during their careers.

We're pumping significant new resources in this program because it's the right thing to do. Almost every student that comes to FMU – almost every student that goes to college – needs a little assistance in making the adjustment from secondary school to the university environment.

It's important to us that students enroll at Francis Marion University. That's an exciting day for us. But an even more exciting day is the day they graduate.

Did you know that the word "tutor" comes from a Latin root meaning "to watch" or "to guard?"

We do.



Our student-faculty ratio.

No gigantic lecture halls here!



College doesn't have to break the bank. At **Francis Marion** it won't.

ANNUAL NET PRICE OF ATTENDANCE*

FMU - \$14,149

Lander - \$16,420

Coastal Carolina - \$19,047

USC Beaufort - \$19,349

Winthrop - \$19,780

SC Upstate - \$19,802

USC Aiken - \$20,240

The Citadel - \$20,344

S.C. State - \$20,716

Clemson - \$21,612

USC - \$23,043

College of Charleston - \$23,269

*Net price is the average amount students pay for tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies and other living expenses; minus the average amount of grant and scholarship aid students receive.

Source: CollegeFactual.com





What do they want to be when they grow up?

At Francis Marion, we offer students a place where they are valued as individuals, a place where they receive one-on-one attention from professors who know their name, and a place where they are part of a close-knit community of engaged learners. At the same time, we are a comprehensive public university that offers its students an array of dynamic programs from which they'll have fantastic careers.

FMU offers more than 60 undergraduate majors within the College of Liberal Arts, School of Business, School of Education, and School of Health Sciences. It also offers twelve graduate degrees.

Here's a brief glance at some of our newest programs as well as some of our most-respected, long-standing degrees.

Health Science

Francis Marion's new School of Health Sciences has evolved neatly, and logically, from the University's revered Department of Nursing. It is among FMU's fastest-growing academic areas because it meets an absolutely critical need in South Carolina and beyond for mid-level and nursing-level medical practitioners.

Programs include **Nursing**, **Health Care Management**, post-graduate (masters level) programs for **Family Nurse Practitioners**, **Nurse Educators** and **Health Care Management MBA**, and, beginning this year, **Physician Assistants**.

Most classes in the major are conducted in two of FMU's newest and most technologically advanced instructional buildings, the Lee Nursing Building and the Carter Center for Health Sciences. Faculty in all the **Health Science** disciplines includes a number of professors who are frontline health care practitioners, as well as gifted instructors.

Pre-Med

Francis Marion doesn't have a full-blown medical school (yet) but it's the starting place for a number of medical careers. Undergraduate programs in **Chemistry** and **Biology** offer graduates clear paths to careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine. Students leave FMU well-prepared for the rigors of graduate school in their chosen professions.

Psychology

FMU has long been one of the region's top professional schools for budding psychologists. Undergraduate degrees lead directly into graduate programs in **Clinical Psychology** and related fields.

Engineering & Physics

Who figures out how drive-thru lines at restaurants operate, or how Amazon can ship products faster than we can order them? **Industrial Engineers**, that's who. Recognizing the growing need in this field, Francis Marion launched an **Industrial Engineering** program several years ago. It's the University's first foray into **Engineering**, but certainly not its last.

Academic Majors & Courses of Study

School of Health Sciences

Healthcare Administration
Nursing
Master in Physician Assistant Studies
Master in Nursing
- Family Nurse Practitioner
Master in Nursing
- Nurse Educator

School of Education

Art Education
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle Level Education
Secondary Education
Master in Education
Master in Education
- Instructional Accommodation
Master in Teaching
- Learning Disabilities

School of Business

Accounting
Business Economics
Computer Science
Economics
Finance
Management
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Nonprofit Management
Master of Business Administration
Master of Business Administration
- Healthcare Executive Management

College of Liberal Arts

African American Studies
Art History
Astronomy
Biology
Broadcast Journalism
Ceramics

Chemistry

Civil Engineering Technology
Computational Physics
Criminal Justice
Design
Electronic Engineering Technology
English
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Forest Resources
French
Gender Studies
Geography
German
Health Physics
History
Industrial Engineering
International Studies
Mass Communication
Mathematics
Medical Technology
Music
Music Industry
Painting
Performance

Pharmaceutical Studies

Philosophy
Photography
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Dental
Pre-Law
Pre-Medical
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Veterinary
Print Journalism
Professional Writing
Psychology
Public Relations
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Sports Broadcasting
Theatre Arts
Visual Arts
Visual Communication
Master in Applied Psychology
Master in Clinical Counseling
Master in School Psychology

Industrial Engineers study mathematics and business, and also benefit from being part of FMU's superb **Department of Physics and Astronomy**, where they are taught many of their foundational courses. FMU's **Department of Physics** has turned out a steady stream of highly qualified **Health Physicists** and **Computational Physicists** for years. These students move into rewarding careers in medicine, nuclear power generation and industry, as well as into prestigious graduate programs.

The Liberal Arts

FMU's foundational curriculum is the liberal arts, that collection of basic knowledge that is the difference between education and the truly educated woman (or man). Every student at FMU receives a liberal dose of the liberal arts during the first half of the college education. Many choose to continue in a particular field like **History**, **Political Science**, **English**, **Professional Writing**, **Sociology** or **Mass Communication**.

Music Industry

FMU's long tradition in the arts moved to a new level several years ago with the opening of the FMU Performing Arts Center and the inception of FMU's **Music Industry** program. MI grads are often fine musicians with an eye on the (literal) bright lights that accompany that world. They learn the ins and outs of the business – everything from composition to lighting to how to

get along with your fellow band members – from professors who hiked that often rocky trail themselves.

Business

FMU's School of Business offers students the opportunity to specialize in eight different areas, plus two minors. The School of Business offers the **Bachelor of Business Administration** meaning graduates have experience in every facet of business from accounting to management information systems and everything in between, making them well-prepared for a world of career opportunities. In addition to undergraduate degrees, a traditional **Master of Business Administration (MBA)** as well as an **MBA with a concentration in Healthcare Executive Management** are offered.

Education

The School of Education at FMU prepares graduates to shape and mold the minds of the next generation of learners. Certification programs are offered in **Early Childhood**, **Elementary**, **Middle**, **Art**, **Secondary Math**, and **Secondary English**. Not only do students learn in the classroom from the University's renowned faculty members, they also spend an extensive amount of time learning and teaching in local schools. The School of Education also houses the esteemed **Teaching Fellows** program. Both **Master of Education** and **Master of Arts in Teaching** degrees are offered.

WOMEN

Basketball
Cross Country
Soccer
Softball

Tennis
Track
Volleyball

MEN

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf

Soccer
Tennis
Track



Athletics

Intercollegiate athletics is a big part of campus life at FMU. We field 14 teams in nine different sports, and we've got a long history of athletic success.

Our women's basketball team owns two national championships and is just coming off a trip the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. The men's golf team won the NCAA Division II national championship in 2003 and now competes as an NCAA Division I independent. The baseball team defeated the University of South Carolina's two-time reigning national championship several years ago in the opening game at Sparrow Stadium in the brand new, state-of-the-art, Griffin Athletic Complex. And the list goes on and on.

These days, we're almost always "in the thick of it" in the highly competitive Peach Belt Conference, and we're proud that we do it with bona fide student-athletes. The grade point average of FMU athletes exceeds that of the student body and every year about half our student-athletes make the Peach Belt's Presidential Honor Roll, signifying students with a 3.0 GPA or better.

FMU does welcome walk-ons but we recommend some conversation with the appropriate sports coach when contemplating such a strategy. FMU athletes perform at a high level and competition for playing time and roster spots is intense.

Special Interests, Special Programs

FMU Honors

FMU Honors is a place for motivated, creative and dedicated students who are looking for an enriched college experience that challenges and engages them. **FMU Honors** includes innovative courses and a community of like-minded students. It provides students with enhanced educational opportunities that foster inquiry, stimulate learning and promote community involvement. Opportunities include:

- Weekly symposiums in the Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Business Leadership
- Multi-disciplinary Colloquia on a variety of topics
- Special Topics courses
- Model United Nations Experience
- Washington Semester Program

Admission is by application. Incoming first-year students are eligible with a score of 1100 on the Math/Critical Reading portions of the SAT (or equivalent on redesigned SAT) or a composite score of 24 on the ACT.

Second-semester freshman must have earned a GPA of 3.0 to become or remain eligible for Honors. All other students must achieve or maintain a GPA of 3.25.

For more information, contact:

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Teaching Fellows Program

FMU is home to the **South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program**. The goal of this program is to recruit talented high school seniors into the teaching profession and then develop leadership qualities within them. Students in the **Teaching Fellows Program** participate in enrichment programs and professional development opportunities throughout the state and the Pee Dee area.

FMU Teaching Fellows may receive up to \$6,000 in yearly scholarships during the time they are completing a degree leading to teacher licensure. Upon graduation, a Teaching Fellow agrees to teach in South Carolina one year for every year the Fellowship was received.

The application for this program is online at <http://cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx>

For more information, contact:

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& Coordinator of Elementary Education Program
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ROTC

Francis Marion University's **Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)** program is dedicated to developing college-educated men and women to serve in challenging positions of leadership, responsibility, and varied managerial positions both as officers in the U.S. Army and civilians in corporate America.

Army ROTC requires two to four years to complete, depending on student qualifications. This time is normally divided into a two-year basic program, comprising freshman and sophomore students and a two-year contractual advanced program for juniors and seniors. Students with prior military service, JROTC or National Guard/Reserve service may qualify for direct placement in the advanced program. While no prior military experience is needed, all students must attend lectures and participate in a regular program of physical fitness and field training.

For more information, contact:

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National Model United Nations

Each spring, select FMU students participate in a professional, hands-on learning experience called **National Model United Nations**. Students hone their teamwork and presentation skills as they work in committees and propose resolutions to international relations scenarios at the week-long conference in New York City. But, the hard work begins months before FMU students join the more than 5,000 student delegates from around the world. After acceptance to the 3-credit-hour class, students attend weekly meetings where they learn about the United Nations and the country FMU is assigned by the conference to represent. Students must also research and write position papers throughout the semester. FMU is a frequent award-winner for their diligent, skilled work at the national conference.

For more information, contact:

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**It's not about the destination...
...but a really nice destination doesn't hurt.**



FMU students in Brussels, Spain 2016

FMU Study Abroad University Exchange Partners

Australia

Deakin University in Burwood*

Canada

University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown
University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George

Ecuador

University San Francisco de Quito in Quito*

England

DeMontfort University in Leicester
University of Exeter in Exeter*

France

École Supérieure de Commerce et de Management in Poitiers
Université de Caen Basse-Normandie in Caen
Ecole Supérieure de Commerce Extérieur in Paris*

Germany

Universität Trier in Trier
Fachhochschule Schmalkalden in Schmalkalden
Universität Koblenz-Landau in Landau
Fachhochschule Mainz in Mainz*
Fachbereich Wirtschafte Rheinbach in Rheinbach*

Ireland

National University of Ireland in Maynooth

Japan

Nagoya University in Chikusa-ku, Nagoya*

* These exchange programs available
through a special arrangement with CCU.

International Adventure

Unexpected experiences that marry up the excitement of travel with the wonder of learning, are standard operating procedure for FMU undergrads. Students in Biology (and many other fields) journey to WildSumaco Biological Research Station in Ecuador. Political Science majors and their friends make annual trips to Washington, D.C. and New York; and students in every discipline travel abroad to a variety of destinations.

Some are short trips, planned for spring break or a summer vacation. Others are semester-long exchange experiences, designed to immerse students in foreign cultures at one of FMU's worldwide university exchange partners. Exchange students benefit financially, too. Tuition doesn't change, even when a semester is spent in an exotic, foreign locale.

It all adds up as a part of the FMU journey that is unforgettable.

The destinations aren't bad either.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Mark Blackwell

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Coordinator of International Programs
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Students Organizations at FMU

Special interest organizations on campus include:

Adelante (Hispanic American Student Association)
Alive in Christ
American Chemical Society
Baptist Collegiate Ministries
Campus Crusade for Christ
Campus Outreach
Catholic Campus Ministry
College Democrats
College Republicans
Circle-K International
Dimensions of Diversity Dance Team
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
First Fellowship
FMU Ducks Unlimited
FMU Student Alumni Association
Greek Life*
Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Straight Alliance
Habitat for Humanity
Kingdom Builders
Lions Club
Military Veterans Student Association
NAACP
RENEW!
Residential Student Association
Riot Pep Club
Snow Island Review
Student Alumni Association
Student Athlete Advisory Committee
Student Nurse Association
V-Day Student Organization
Wesley Foundation
Young, Gifted, and Blessed Chorus

* FMU is home to eleven active fraternities and sororities.

Campus Life

Life on the FMU campus offers students the opportunity to be fully immersed in the college experience. The University's residential living units are close to classrooms, campus dining and recreational facilities. As an added bonus, the residential units are located in one of the most scenic portions of campus, a pleasing glen where pathways weave through a mix of trees and richly landscaped settings.

Francis Marion University students are some of the hardest-working collegians in America – both on and off campus. The University's demanding curriculum means plenty of time is spent hitting the books, and survey data shows that FMU students exceed the national average in hours spent at wage-paying jobs, both at FMU and in the surrounding community. These Patriots, they are an industrious lot. But all work and no play ... etc. etc. ... our students have fun, too. That could mean participating in intramural sports, attending numerous cultural and entertainment offerings on campus, hanging out with friends at the UC, or joining a campus organization like the Young, Gifted, and Blessed Chorus (pictured below).





FMU in Five Seconds

Mascot: Patriots

Enrollment: About 4,000

Status: Public University

Location: Florence, SC

Demographics: More women than men, racial mix is right at 50-50 black and white.

Geography: 96% of FMU student's come from South Carolina, but 26 states and 17 countries are represented.

Tuition: \$9,880/year in-state; \$18,760 out-of-state.

Student-Faculty ratio: 15:1

Scholarships

Francis Marion University provides superior higher education to students across a broad academic spectrum. That's our mission. But we're always seeking more of those highly motivated, sharply focused students who are at the heart of any great university. We want them to come to Francis Marion and to know that the academic prowess they have already demonstrated is valued and will be rewarded.

To that end, we're working hard to grow scholarship opportunities for our students. In the past decade, academic scholarship aid at Francis Marion has grown by 47 percent to almost \$9 million per year. Scholarships provided by the University and its many donors have grown even more. Giving support for that very special aid is up by 79 percent.

There are an increasing number of options for FMU students and families as they seek the smartest, most efficient path to paying for a great college education. Below is an outline of the many possibilities that exist in scholarship opportunities. Counselors in our admissions and financial aid offices are happy to help with this process.

University Scholarships

The criteria for University scholarships at FMU includes admittance to the University, a score of 1600 or better on the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading, Writing, and Math) or 24 ACT Composite, and a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. All University scholarships, with the exception of the Robert E. McNair Scholarship and the Education Fellow Scholarship, are available to both in-state and out-of-state students. Additionally, these scholarships are renewable for up to three years if a student maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and earns 30 credit hours each year.

The Robert E. McNair Scholarship

The McNair is FMU's top academic scholarship. It covers a student's full tuition, housing, and meal plan. And, it offers a book allowance and funding for a study abroad experience as well. It is named for former S.C. Governor Robert E. McNair, who was instrumental in launching a new four-year college in the Pee Dee (that would be Francis Marion) back in the late 1960s. McNair Scholars are residents of South Carolina, and possess a strong interest in public service and a public service career. The competitive selection process for McNair Scholars includes interviews, essays, and on-campus visits.

McNair Scholars automatically become part of two prestigious student programs: FMU Honors and Leadership FMU.

The McNair Scholarship application, including the required essays and two letters of recommendation, is due by **December 1**. Awards will be made in January.

To apply, visit www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/mcnair.

Financial Aid

There's no doubt about it. A great college education requires a significant investment.

Francis Marion University works hard to keep costs down and our tuition low, and we've done a good job of that. We're among South Carolina's most affordable universities, which means we're a terrific educational value. Even so, financial challenges remain. We know that. That's why FMU's Office of Financial Assistance stands ready to help guide students and their families along a prudent fiscal path as they move towards a degree. Here's a look at other paths to paying for college.

FAFSA

A wise, and necessary, first step in any college plan is determining what financial aid might be available. Encourage your students to begin that process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. This is an important, mandatory step for every student.

When filling out a FAFSA application, students will be asked for a school code. The code for FMU is **009226**. Generally, students will be notified about potential aid awards within 14 days of completing the FAFSA.

Federal Work Study

Work study is need-based and allows students to work on-campus and receive federally subsidized pay.

Grants

Federal and state grants are available to students. Grants include the Pell Grant and SC Need-Based Grant. Grants differ from scholarships in terms of criteria – most are based entirely on a particular need or student classification – but work in a similar manner. Students receive money for college and associated expenses that does not have to be repaid.

Loans

There are a number of loans available to students. Two terms to be aware of are subsidized and unsubsidized loans. Subsidized loans are need-based while unsubsidized loans are not. In addition, the subsidized loan does not begin accruing interest until six months after students stop attending college, while unsubsidized loans begin accruing interest as soon as the loan begins. Rates and terms for loans vary from loan to loan. More financial aid information is available online at www.fmarion.edu/enrollment/financialassistance.

The James F. Konduros Scholarship

The Konduros Scholarship awards \$6,000 for tuition and other expenses and, when combined with other state scholarships, it can cover a year's tuition. Selection is based on applications and interviews. Konduros Scholars are accepted into FMU Honors and Leadership FMU.

The Education Fellow Scholarship

The \$5,000 scholarship can be awarded to prospective Education majors who are part of the South Carolina Teacher Cadet Program. Preference is given to FMU-sponsored Teacher Cadets.

Francis Marion University Fellows Scholars

Fellows receive annual awards of between \$1,500-\$2,500. Scholarship awards are based on applications and interviews.

Distinction Scholarship

All students who enroll at FMU, and who meet the minimum criteria for University scholarships, will receive an annual Distinction Scholarship award of \$1,000. If a student is awarded another University scholarship, it will replace the Distinction Scholarship and will not be awarded in addition to it.

Donor-Supported Scholarships

Donors and supporters of Francis Marion University provide funds for more than 150 named, specialty scholarships at FMU. These scholarships are available to all students, although many have specialized qualifying criteria, such as a particular field of study or specific hometown or home county. Awards vary, as do specific qualifications. For more information, visit: www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/scholarship.

The deadlines for Donor-Supported Scholarships vary. Contact the FMU Admissions Office for more information.

Dates and Process

Scholarship applications for University-awarded Scholarships, excluding the McNair Scholarship, are due by **March 15**. Awards will be made during the spring, following on-campus interviews. Distinction Scholarships will be awarded automatically after admission.

Admissions Information

Francis Marion has a rolling admissions policy which means a decision regarding admission status will be made as soon as application packet is complete. All incoming freshman are required to have completed the following courses.

English - 4 Units

- 2 units with strong grammar and composition components
- 1 unit in English literature
- 1 unit in American literature

Math - 4 Units

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Algebra III/Trigonometry or pre-calculus, calculus, statistics, discrete mathematics or capstone

Laboratory Science - 3 Units

- 2 units from different fields – biology, chemistry or physics
- 1 additional unit from biology, chemistry or physics or any other laboratory science with a biology, chemistry or physics as a prerequisite (physical science is not considered a laboratory science for admission purposes)

Foreign Language - 2 Units

Both units must be in the same language

Social Science - 3 Units

- 1 unit of U.S. History
- ½ unit of economics is strongly recommended
- ½ unit of government is recommended
- 1 unit of your choice

Fine Arts - 1 Unit

Art appreciation, art history or performance in one of the fine arts

Academic Electives - 1 Unit

One unit taken from one of the following fields among computer science (strongly recommended), English, fine arts, foreign languages, humanities, laboratory science (excluding earth science, general physical science, general environmental science or other introductory science courses for which biology and/or chemistry is not a prerequisite), mathematics above the level of Algebra II, and social sciences.

Physical Education or ROTC - 1 unit

How to Apply

To apply to Francis Marion, freshman applicants need to follow these simple steps:

- Complete the application for admission online at www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/applynow.
- Submit the completed application online or send by mail to: Office of Admissions, Francis Marion University, PO Box 100547, Florence, SC 29502.
- Submit official high school transcripts from all institutions attended online using www.parchment.com or print the form to be completed by you – the guidance counselor – and mailed to the Office of Admissions. The form may be found online at www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/applynow.

- Pay the nonrefundable application fee online at www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/applynow, at the Cashier's Office in Stokes Administration Building Room 104, by mail (PO Box 100547, Florence, SC 29502) or by phone at 843-661-1596.
- Complete the recommendation form. The recommendation form is optional, but we encourage applications to include it in their application packet.
- Request that official SAT or ACT scores are sent directly from the test agency to FMU.
- SAT scores can be sent from sat.collegeboard.org using FMU's code: **5442**.
- ACT scores can be sent from actstudent.org using FMU's code: **3856**.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events for Prospective Students

Open House Events

October 15, 2016

November 12, 2016

February 4, 2017

March 4, 2017

April 8, 2017

Campus Tours

Monday – Friday: 10:30 AM and 2 PM

To register, visit www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions or call 843-661-1231

McNair Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2016

University Scholarships Deadline: March 15, 2017

Meet our Office of Admissions



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