



# RESOURCES AND SERVICES

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## JAMES A. ROGERS LIBRARY

The Library serves the pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning by providing Francis Marion's students, faculty, staff and regional citizens with access to scholarly information. By providing this access, the Library is able to contribute uniquely to that portion of the mission of Francis Marion University that stresses its support of scholarly pursuits in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Rogers Library is the largest library in northeastern South Carolina, and its holdings include more than 398,000 volumes, 343,000 accessible e-books, 35,000 e-journals, 550 print subscriptions, 377,000 volumes of microforms, and 142 electronic databases to access information from almost anywhere.

## COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In addition to administrative support, Campus Technology provides information, technology resources and services for instructional and research missions of the University. The department provides digital content, access to that content, and guidance for its use through public computer laboratories and support in the Stanton Academic Computer Center and the John K. Cauthen Educational Media Center.

These laboratories are open to all enrolled students, faculty, staff, and active alumni at FMU. Access to the laboratories requires a valid University ID Card. In addition, most academic departments have their own student computer laboratories distributed across campus. Students must supply their own CDs or flash drives for saving their data. The most commonly used computer software is the Microsoft (MS) Office Suite (Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint), but other specialized programs may be available for use in the public computer laboratories. The software and documents available are copyrighted products and may not be reproduced in part or in whole, for any purpose. Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari are available for web browsing.

**Email for Students** – All currently enrolled students are provided a SwampFoxMail email account. These accounts are powered by Google and come with all of the current Google applications. Assigned email accounts can be obtained by logging into Swampfox Web. FMU will utilize SwampFoxMail accounts to communicate with students.

**Emergency Alerts** – The Swampfox Emergency Alert System has been adopted by FMU in order to quickly notify students via SMS text messaging (standard text messaging rates apply) and email in the event of an imminent campus emergency. All students who provide a cellphone number and cellphone carrier will be automatically added to our notification system. In addition to being notified of an imminent campus emergency, students will also receive notifications regarding other situations that affect the status of the campus like weather-related class or school closings.

## MEDIA CENTER

The Cauthen Educational Media Center is dedicated to improving teaching and learning opportunities by providing non-print resources, technological support, media-equipped teaching, and conference facilities

for the faculty, students, and staff of FMU. The Center supports academic programs by providing study facilities and instructional space in addition to a computer laboratory in the Resource Area, supplying and maintaining media equipment, scheduling media-equipped classrooms, providing production facilities, and hosting campus and community activities. The Dooley Planetarium is located on the second floor of the media center.

## MATH RESOURCES

The Department of Mathematics has a computer lab for use as a resource center for mathematical work. The computers contain mathematical software such as MAPLE, MINITAB, EXCEL, and GEOMETER'S SKETCHPAD for students in the areas of mathematics and probability and statistics.

## CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS & ADVISEMENT

The Center for Academic Success and Advisement (CASA) offers students a one-stop resource for assistance with advising questions, academic support, and career services. CASA, located in Founders Hall 220, is home to Advisement, the Career Development Office, the Tutoring Center, as well as the Writing Center (located downstairs in FH 114-C). CASA provides a variety of services designed to help students thrive during their time at Francis Marion University.

CASA also works in conjunction with University Life 100: First-Year Seminar, providing first-year students with valuable information to help them become acquainted with the university, build connections on campus, learn about strategies for being successful students, and make the most of their time at FMU. CASA is also home to the Patriot Mentor program, a staff of undergraduate peer mentors who work with new students in First-Year Seminar courses.

All of these resources provide students with a network of knowledgeable and friendly professionals who can help with questions they may have while at the university.

## ADVISEMENT

CASA advisors work closely with first-year students to ease the transition from high school to university life. The friendly and knowledgeable advising team assists first-year students in navigating the university, choosing majors, finding career paths, selecting courses, and exercising habits that lead to academic success. CASA advisors are dedicated to supporting students and connecting them to resources that will help them be successful during their academic careers at FMU.

CASA advisors also provide counseling for probationary students and answer general questions for students about course registration, majors and minors, study skills, time management, career guidance, and more. Students can meet with an advisor by calling 843-661-1400 or visiting CASA in FH 220.