



**The Complete Guide
to Admissions – and More!
at Francis Marion University**

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Congratulations on your interest in Francis Marion University!

FMU's growing array of majors and programs, its beautiful campus and intimate academic environment, and its surprising affordability attracts students from across South Carolina and beyond.

This handy guide provides basic information related to the admissions process at FMU, and will help answer many of the most common questions asked by prospective students and their families. Many students will receive this guide directly from an FMU admissions counselor during a one-on-one discussion about the university, but as new questions arise, don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to serving you and to welcoming you to Patriot Nation!

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Admission Requirements

Admission requirements at Francis Marion University vary depending upon the category of student under consideration. Common categories are discussed on the following pages.

International students, students applying for readmission to the university, and transient students (students attending another college or university but taking classes at FMU, for example, while home during the summer) represent special cases and are advised to contact the Office of Admissions for specifics.

Freshman Admission Requirements

Incoming freshmen must obtain a high school diploma with a satisfactory academic record and successfully complete all required college preparatory courses. In evaluating applications, the university will consider high school records, SAT or ACT scores, recommendations, and extracurricular activities. GED recipients will also be considered for admission, based on these same criteria, but will also need to include a personal statement providing context for their situation along with other application materials.

Applicants should submit the following to the Office of Admissions:

- Completed application for admission.
- SAT or ACT scores. Official test scores may be sent to the Office of Admissions through the testing service or your high school guidance office. FMU's SAT code is **5442** and ACT code is **3856**.
- Non-refundable application fee or signed fee waiver.
- Transcript showing successful completion of the following core courses:
 - English* - 4 units, at least two with strong grammar and composition components, at least one English literature, and at least one American literature. Completion of college preparatory English I, II, III, and IV satisfies the English requirement.
 - Math* - 4 units, including College Preparatory Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. A fourth, higher-level math course should be selected from among Algebra III/Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, or a capstone mathematics course and should be taken during the senior year.
 - Laboratory Science* - 3 units, two of which must be taken in two different fields and selected from Biology, Chemistry, or Physics; the third unit may be from the same field as one of the first two units, but must have Biology, Chemistry or Physics as a prerequisite.

NOTE: Physical Science is not considered a Laboratory Science for admission purposes.

Foreign Language - 2 units of the same foreign language.

Social Science - 3 units. One unit of U.S. History is required; a half unit of Economics and a half unit in Government is strongly recommended.

Fine Arts - 1 unit in Appreciation of, History of, or Performance in one of the fine arts.

Electives - 1 unit must be taken from the following fields selected from 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.

NOTE: Students in some schools or school districts may not have easy access to all courses needed to meet the core course requirement. Students may be considered for admission without all the core courses noted above, but are encouraged to consult with the FMU Office of Admissions no later than the first half of their senior year to allow time to learn about and explore other academic options such as online courses.

An electronic transcript may be submitted through www.parchment.com or a transcript request form may be downloaded from www.fmarion.edu/admissions/applynow.

Transfer Admission Requirements

To apply for admission as a transfer student, students should be eligible to return to the most recent college or university attended and have achieved a GPA of 2.0 or higher on all completed transferable work. If these requirements are satisfied, students are eligible for consideration for admission and should submit the following to the Office of Admissions:

- Completed application for admission.
- Official college transcripts from any institutions of higher education attended.

NOTE: High school transcripts and SAT or ACT test scores are required for students who have earned fewer than 22 college credits.

- Non-refundable application fee or signed fee waiver.

Students interested in transferring from a South Carolina technical college should review the Transfer Credit section at the back of this guide to find out which courses will transfer to FMU.

For more information about transferring to Francis Marion University, please refer to SC TRAC at www.sctrac.org. SC TRAC is designed to help guide students through the transfer process.

Second Degree Admission Requirements

Second degree seeking students are students who have already obtained a Bachelor's degree and wish to continue their education at the bachelor's level for a different program of study.

To be admitted as a second degree seeking student, submit the following to the Office of Admissions:

- Completed application for admission.
- Official transcripts sent from any institution(s) previously attended.
NOTE: Francis Marion University graduates do not need to complete this step.
- Nonrefundable application fee or signed fee waiver.

Once admitted, students will receive a degree audit from the Office of the Registrar listing the remaining courses needed to complete the second degree. For more information about the degree audit, contact the Office of the Registrar at 843.661.1176.

Second Degree - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Students who desire to complete a second bachelor degree in Nursing should contact the FMU Department of Nursing, in the School of Health Sciences, at 843.661.1226 to learn more about the prerequisite requirements for the nursing program.

Concurrent (Dual Enrollment) Student Admission Requirements

A concurrent student is a student who is currently enrolled at a high school who wishes to be dual-enrolled at Francis Marion University. FMU courses taken, and successfully completed, could count towards both a high school diploma and a college degree. To be admitted as a concurrent high school student, submit the following to the Office of Admissions:

- Completed application for admission.
- Recommendation from your high school guidance counselor.
- Official high school transcript.
- Test score of at least 900 on the SAT, 90 (critical reading and math) on the PSAT, or composite score of at least 19 on the ACT.

Students may place into specific college courses with appropriate FMU placement test scores. Contact the FMU Office of Admissions for more information.

Once admitted, concurrent students will work with the FMU Office of Admissions to register for courses.

Concurrent students who wish to attend Francis Marion University as incoming freshman will need to reapply as a freshman prior to the first semester they are eligible to enroll as a freshman.

Technical College Bridge Program

The Bridge to Francis Marion University program is a distinctive academic transfer program available to students throughout the state. The program is a collaboration between the technical colleges and Francis Marion engineered so that students make progress towards their intended Francis Marion major during their freshman year while preparing to enroll at Francis Marion at the start of their sophomore year.

The Bridge program staff is committed to providing students with the educational tools and services they need to succeed. That begins with a strong, first-year academic experience at one of the technical colleges listed below. Both institutions in the partnership will enhance the academic experience by supplying dedicated academic advising and student support services to Bridge students. This will include helping students select courses that transfer to Francis Marion University, and providing access and understanding of the Degree Pathway Guide, a useful tool which outlines the most efficient course sequence for graduation in a particular major. Pathways are currently offered in Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, History, Industrial Engineering, Mass Communication, Math, Modern Languages, Music Industry, Nursing, Physics (Computational, Health, Environmental), Political Science, Sociology, Theatre and Visual Arts. Information on each Pathway can be found at <http://www.fmarion.edu/admissions/bridgeprogram>.

Bridge Partners

Technical Colleges that are part of the Bridge program with FMU include:

- **Central Carolina Technical College (CTC)**
- **Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC)**
- **Greenville Technical College (GTC)**
- **Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC)**
- **Northeastern Technical College (NETC)**
- **Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College (OCTC)**
- **Trident Technical College (TTC)**
- **Williamsburg Technical College (WTC)**

Academic Requirements

Bridge students enroll at one of the partner technical colleges for their freshman year and start their course work in the fall semester. To be admitted to Francis Marion University for the sophomore year, Bridge students must earn a minimum of twenty-two (22) transferable semester credit hours and a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) during their freshman year. Students who satisfy Bridge academic requirements will be admitted to Francis Marion for the subsequent Fall semester without being required to resubmit a Francis Marion University admission application. Students who do not satisfy the Bridge academic requirements will be encouraged to apply for admission to Francis Marion University at a later date. A list of transferable courses can be found in the transfer credit portion at the back of this guide.

In addition to the technical college application, students must complete the Francis Marion application as well as the Bridge Enrollment Form to be admitted to the Bridge Program. Once a student is ready to transfer to Francis Marion, the Bridge Update App Request Form will need to be completed and submitted to the Office of Admissions at Francis Marion University.

While grades earned at technical colleges will not be included in a student's Francis Marion GPA, the grades and credit hours a student earns at the technical school will count toward determining the student's eligibility for the South Carolina LIFE scholarship.

Bridge students are also eligible to use FMU campus facilities, prior to actually transferring to FMU. In addition, Bridge students are guaranteed that all pertinent courses will transfer to FMU, will receive guidance in selecting the appropriate courses to stay on track to graduate in their chosen major, and will receive regular access to FMU counselors. Specific orientation sessions for transfer students are also available to Bridge students.

Tuition and Fees

Students in the Bridge Program are responsible for the tuition and fees for the technical college they are attended. Contact the technical college partner school for details.

Financial Aid

The technical college where the Bridge student is enrolled processes and awards all federal and state financial aid during the Bridge students' freshman year. Students should complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA – available online at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)). Bridge students should enter the name/and or code of technical college they plan to attend on the FAFSA form. Students who have already submitted their FAFSA coded to Francis Marion University should log in to their submitted FAFSA form at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and add the selected technical college's federal code.

General University Charges

For Full-time Students per semester

Tuition/Fees

Undergraduate - Resident of SC	\$5,421.00
Undergraduate - Non Resident	\$10,509.00
Upper Div. Nursing & Engineering - Res. of SC	\$8,289.00
Upper Div. Nursing & Engineering - Non Res.	\$16,244.00

Housing

Village Apartments

Type A (4 Person/4 Bedroom)	\$2,458.00
Type B (2 Person/1 Bedroom)	\$2,560.00

Residence Halls (Dorms)

Type C (Residence Hall w/All Access meal-plan)	\$3,974.00
Private Room (on space-available basis)	\$4,536.00

Forest Villas Apartments

4-Person/4 Bedroom	\$3,143.00
2-Person/2 Bedroom	\$3,143.00
1 Person/1 Bedroom	\$3,722.00

Housing Reservation & Application Fee

Each semester	\$173.00
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Meal Plan (if not included in the housing plan)

All-Access Plus (Unlimited meals)	\$1,836.00
Other meal plan options	\$453 - \$1,264.00

Estimated Spring Semester Total for Full-time Undergraduate (Resident)

Living in the Dorm	\$5,421.00 tuition
with All Access Meal Plan:	+ \$3,974.00 dorm/meals

\$9,395.00 total

(Does not include books - estimate book/supply costs to be approximately \$500 per semester).

Financial Aid & Scholarships



Francis Marion University is, by many measures, the most affordable university in South Carolina. FMU’s success at maintaining that position derives from its diligence in keeping a lid on costs, while at the same time ceaselessly seeking new aid dollars for its students. Almost 90 percent of all FMU students receive some kind of aid. Aid to FMU students is typically a mix of state, federal, and FMU donor-funded dollars. The many types of financial aid and scholarships available are discussed below.

Financial Aid

Francis Marion University’s Office of Financial Assistance stands ready to help students and families navigate the often-confusing world of financial aid. The first step on the path to obtaining financial assistance is completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA helps the Office of Financial Assistance determine the types of assistance available to each student. Complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.ed.gov. Students and their parents will benefit by obtaining a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. An FSA ID can reduce FAFSA processing time by 2-3 weeks. The ID is available through a simple form at fsaid.ed.gov. FMU’s Title IV School Code is 009226. The code is necessary for completing FAFSA and other documents.

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843.661.1190
fnasst@fmarion.edu

The FAFSA must be completed for each academic year in which a student wants to apply for federal assistance. Each academic year begins in the Fall and ends in the Summer. For example, the 2017-2018 FAFSA is for Fall 2017, Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 terms.

Once a student's FAFSA has been completed, returned and analyzed, students will receive an award letter that details the types of financial aid that have been awarded along with the amounts. Students and parents should read the materials mailed with the award letter and understand the basic mechanics of the aid process. For instance, some types of aid are renewable while some are not. Renewable scholarships and aid may come with stipulations (such as a minimum GPA, etc.) that students must maintain in order to keep the aid from year to year.

Direct Loans

Direct Loans are available for both undergraduate and graduate borrowers. A student must be enrolled in at least a half-time status (six hours for undergraduate; three hours for graduate) in order to receive a direct loan. Loan repayment begins six months after graduation or departure from school.

A **subsidized direct loan** is awarded on the basis of financial need, as determined by the results of the FAFSA, with consideration for other financial aid (such as grants and scholarships) that a student receives. Students will not be charged interest on the loan while they are in school at least half-time or during grace and deferment periods. The federal government "subsidizes" the interest on these loans.

An **unsubsidized direct loan** is not awarded on the basis of financial need, and students will be charged interest on the loan from the time of the first disbursement until it is paid in full. If interest is allowed to accrue (accumulate) during a student's college career, (or during other periods of nonpayment), it will be capitalized. This means the interest will be added to the original principal amount of the loan, and additional interest will be based on the higher amount. Making interest-only payments while in school will result in a longer repayment period.

Loan Ceilings

The maximum amount a student can borrow each academic year depends on the grade level and dependency status. The chart below lists annual and lifetime borrowing limits. The amounts shown in the chart below are the maximum values. Not all students will be eligible for the maximum annual amounts because of other financial aid they receive, or due to other considerations.

Year	Dependent Undergraduate	Independent Undergraduate	Graduate
First	\$5,500 (Up to \$3,500 subsidized)	\$9,500 (Up to \$3,500 subsidized)	\$20,500 - unsubsidized
Second	\$6,500 (Up to \$4,500 subsidized)	\$10,500 (Up to \$4,500 subsidized)	
Third and beyond	\$7,500 (Up to \$5,500 subsidized)	\$12,500 (Up to \$5,500 subsidized)	
Aggregate Loan Limits	\$31,000 (Up to \$23,000 subsidized)	\$57,500 (Up to \$23,000 subsidized)	\$138,500 - unsubsidized

How to Apply for a Stafford Loan

The FAFSA is required for both subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans, through the Stafford loan program. By completing the FAFSA, a student can determine his or her eligibility for subsidized and unsubsidized loans. Students will be notified of eligibility. The maximum subsidized eligibility will be processed first followed by unsubsidized eligibility.

To complete the loan process:

- Complete Entrance Loan Counseling at studentloans.gov for the first student loan.
- Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at studentloans.gov for the initial promised loan gear.

Interest Rates

For all Stafford loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017, the interest rate is:

Loan Type	Interest Rate	Grace Period	Deferment	Repayment	
Subsidized	4.45% Fixed for Under-graduates	6 months	6 months	You may receive a deferment if you are enrolled at least half-time or for unemployment or economic hardship	The 6-month grace period starts the day after you graduate, leave school or drop below half-time. You don't have to begin making payments until your grace period ends.
Unsubsidized	4.45% Fixed for all under-grads 6.0% for grads				

Promissory Notes

An electronic loan application will be created and transmitted to the U.S. Department of Education. First-time borrowers through the Direct Loan program will be directed to complete a promissory note. This can be done electronically at studentloans.gov. The promissory note is a legal, binding document through which students agree to repay the loan.

Students are encouraged to only borrow needed funds. Individuals can reduce the amount of a loan by calling the Office of Financial Assistance at 843.661.1190, e-mailing finasst@fmarion.edu, or following the directions provided on the award letter.

University Scholarships

The minimum criteria for receiving University scholarships at FMU includes admittance to the University, a score of 1160 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 are renewable for up to four years if a student maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and earns 30 credit hours each year. Here's a look at the University scholarships available at FMU.

The Robert E. McNair Scholarship. The McNair is named for former S.C. Governor Robert E. McNair, who was instrumental in launching a new four-year college in the Pee Dee (Francis Marion) during the late 1960s. McNair Scholars must be 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.

The McNair Scholarship covers a student's **full tuition, housing, and meal plan**. It also offers a book allowance and funding for a study abroad experience as well. 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/financialassistance/scholarships/.

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. All recipients must be residents of the state of South Carolina.

The Konduros Scholarship is designed to assist in the formation of future leaders and citizens. Konduras scholars participate in a variety of required service, cultural and community projects during their undergraduate career. They are also accepted into FMU Honors and Leadership FMU.

The Education Fellow Scholarship. The **\$5,000** scholarship is 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 meet the minimum criteria (see previous page) for University scholarships will receive an annual Distinction Scholarship award of **\$1,000**. Students who receive the Distinction Scholarship are encouraged to apply for other University scholarships. 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

In addition to helping fund FMU's University 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/foundation.

The deadlines for Donor-Supported Scholarships vary. Contact the Education Foundation at FMU at 843.661.1199 for more information on scholarship criteria, or visit www.fmarion.edu/foundation.

State Scholarships

Francis Marion takes pride in enrolling more than 1,200 students annually who benefit from South Carolina's Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE, and the Enhancement scholarships, which can provide as much as \$10,000 per year in scholarship assistance. Individual students can work with guidance counselors at their schools to determine their options with regard to state grants, but FMU counselors can assist if needed.

Enhancement scholarships are offered to students who are enrolled in a declared major approved by the S.C. Commission on Higher Education and are designed to encourage enrollment in certain academic areas. The Enhancement scholarship provides an award of up to \$2,500 per year in addition to the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows scholarship. Funds for the Enhancement Scholarship are subject to annual availability.

Eligibility for the enhancement scholarship includes:

- LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipient.
- Second, third, or fourth year student enrolled full-time (This is based on initial date of college enrollment after high school.).

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- Degree-seeking student in a declared major approved by the Commission on Higher Education. Current approved degree programs are Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Math, Physics, Middle Education Math/ Science, Co-Op Program (except Pharmaceutical Studies), Nursing, and Industrial Engineering. (Contact the Office of Financial Assistance if you are unsure whether or not your major is Enhancement eligible.)
 - Significant progress towards completion of the declared major must be made.
 - Earned credit for at least 14 hours of instruction in CHE approved mathematics and life and physical science courses by the end of the first year of college based on initial date of college enrollment after high school. (Currently, any FMU Math, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, or Physical Science course will count toward the 14 hour requirement*. AP credits and dual enrollment courses can also satisfy the 14 hour rule.)

*This is subject to change at any time based on directives from CHE.

University Life



Life on the FMU campus offers students the opportunity to be immersed fully in the college experience. The University's residential living units are close to classrooms, campus dining, and recreational facilities. Indeed, the entire campus is compact and easily walkable. 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.

A variety of room types are available, ranging from standard residence halls to multi-bedroom apartments where students share a kitchen and living area. More information on housing can be found at www.fmuhousing.com.

Campus Dining

A wide variety of dining options are available to FMU students, ranging from All-Access Dining at Ervin Dining Hall, which offers students an unlimited number of meals per semester, to The Grille, which offers sandwiches from Subway™, along with burgers, salads, snacks, and other quick fare. The Cauthen Cafe houses a Starbucks located in the Cauthen Media Center. Students also have access to the PODs convenience store on campus.

Special Programs

FMU Honors

FMU Honors is a place for motivated, creative and dedicated students who are looking for an enriched college experience that both challenges and engages. FMU Honors includes innovative, multi-disciplinary courses experienced amidst a community of like-minded students. FMU Honors provides students with enhanced educational opportunities – including overseas study – that foster inquiry, stimulate learning and promote community involvement.

Admission to FMU Honors is by application. Incoming first-year students are eligible with a score of 1160 or higher on the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math) 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 on FMU Honors, contact:

Dr. Jon Tuttle

Director of FMU Honors and Professor of English

jtuttle@fmarion.edu | 843.661.1521

www.fmarion.edu/honors

Teaching Fellows Program

FMU is home to the South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program, which is designed to recruit talented high school seniors into the teaching profession. 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 on the Teaching Fellows Program, contact:

Dr. Erik Lowry

Associate Dean, School of Education

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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 on ROTC, 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 students are frequent award-winners for their diligent, skilled work at the national conference.

For more information, contact:

Dr. William Daniel

Assistant Professor of Political Science

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International Travel/Exchange Programs

Many FMU students choose to take part in international travel and exchange program opportunities. These opportunities allow students to combine travel and learning. Some trips are short, such as annual spring break trips or summer study opportunities. Other trips are semester-long exchange programs that immerse students in foreign cultures at one of the University's sixteen international exchange partners. Tuition is the same whether you study in the U.S. or spend a semester abroad.

For more information on International Travel/Exchange Programs, contact:

Dr. Mark Blackwell

**Associate Professor of Philosophy & Religious Studies and
Coordinator of International Programs**

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Wildsumaco Biological Station

Wildsumaco Biological Station in Ecuador is a collaborative effort among FMU and two partner institutions whose primary mission is scientific study and education focused on the ecology and natural history of the east Andes foothills. Ongoing research projects focus on biodiversity discovery and inventory, and the ecology of regional ecosystems and their species. Students from FMU travel to Wildsumaco on short and long term study experiences.

For more information on Wildsumaco Biological Station, contact:

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Student Organizations

Life on the FMU campus offers students the opportunity to be fully immersed in the college experience. A variety of student-led organizations and special interest groups are available. A sampling of some of those programs is listed below.



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 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 twelve active fraternities and sororities.*

Transfer Course Credits at FMU

The Francis Marion University Transfer Credit Guide helps prospective students understand what courses are considered transferable to FMU from any of the 16 South Carolina Technical Colleges. All transferable coursework is listed in the Statewide Articulation Agreement portion of this document. The transferability of dual credit courses taken by high school students is also determined by inclusion of the coursework in the Statewide Articulation Agreement. Additionally, the Transfer Credit Guide includes information on credit awarded at FMU for AP, IB, and CLEP work.

It is important to note that no more than 76 semester hours of credit may be accepted from institutions accredited as junior colleges or two-year institutions. Additionally, in order to complete requirements for an undergraduate degree, a transfer student must earn at least 25% of the required semester hours for that degree in residence at FMU (including a minimum of 12 semester hours above 299 in your major).

Additional questions or concerns regarding the transferability of course work may be directed to the FMU Office of Admissions or Office of the Registrar.

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

Technical College Courses Transferable to Francis Marion University

TECHNICAL	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	FMU
ACC 101	ACTG Prin I	3	ACTG 201
ACC 102	ACTG Prin II	3	ACTG 202
ANT 101	Gen Anthropology	3	ANTH 200
ANT 200	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH 200
ANT 203	Physical Anthropology	3	elective
ART 101	Hist & Appreciation of Art	3	ART 101
ART 105	Film as Art	3	elective
ART 111	Basic Drawing I	3	elective
ART 112	Basic Drawing II	3	ART 203
ART 211	Intro To Painting	3	ART 207
AST 101	Solar System Astronomy	4	ASTR 202
AST 102	Stellar Astronomy	4	ASTR 201
BIO 101	Biological Science I	4	BIOL 105 and BIOL 115 LAB
BIO 102	Biological Science II	4	BIOL 106
BIO 105	Principles of Biology	4	BIOL 104
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	4	BIOL 104
BIO 205 or 206	Ecology & Ecology Lab	4	BIOL 103
BIO 210	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	*Biol elec, 200 level
BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	*Biol elec, 200 level
BIO 225	Microbiology	4	BIOL 215
BIO 215	Anatomy	4	BIOL 205
BUS 101	Introduction to Business	3	BUS 150
BUS 123	Business Law II	3	BUS 206

**If Biology 210/211 series is completed with grades of C or better, credit will be given for Biology 205 and Biology 236 which are for pre-nursing/nursing majors only.*

TECHNICAL	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	FMU
CHM 110	College Chemistry I	4	CHEM 101
CHM 111	College Chemistry II	4	CHEM 102
CHM 112	College Chemistry II	4	CHEM 102
CHM 211	Organic Chemistry I	4	CHEM 201
CHM 212	Organic Chemistry II	4	CHEM 202
CHM 220	Analytical Chemistry I	4	CHEM 203
COL 103 & 105	College Skills	3	UNIV 100
CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3	CS 150
CPT 111	Basic Programming	3	elective
CPT 114	Computers and Program	3	elective
CPT 115	COBOL I	3	CS 225
CPT 116	COBOL I	3	CS 225
CPT 120	Fortran	3	CS/MATH 212
CPT 122 & 222	Essen RPG & ADV. RPL	4	elective
CPT 132	Intro Prog & Algo Des	3	elective
CPT 170	Microcomputer Applications	3	CS 150
CPT 234	Intro to Comp	3	CS 226
CRJ 101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	POL 230
CRJ above 100 level	Student whose major is POL SCI with CRJ option or SOCJ with CRJ option		elective
ECO 210	Macroeconomics	3	ECON 204
ECO 211	Microeconomics	3	ECON 203
EGT 151	Engr	3	elective
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	ENG 101
ENG 102	English Composition II	3	ENG 102
ENG 201	American Literature I	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 202	American Literature II	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 203	American Literature Survey	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 205	English Literature I	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 206	English Literature II	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 208	World Literature I	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 209	World Literature II	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 213	Short Fiction	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 214	Fiction	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 218	Drama	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 222	Poetry	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 230	Women in Literature	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 234	Survey in Minority Literature	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 236	African American Literature	3	Eng Lit elec, 200 level
ENG 238	Creative Writing	3	Eng 252
ENG 260	Adv. Tech Communications	3	Eng elec (Not Lit)
FRE 101	Elementary French I	3	FNCH 101
FRE 102	Elementary French II	3	FNCH 102
FRE 201	Intermed French I	3	FNCH 201
FRE 202	Intermed French II	3	FNCH 202
GEOG 101	Introduction to Geography	3	elective
GEOG 102	World Geography	3	GEOG 101

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GER 101	Elementary German I	3	GER 101
GER 102	Elementary German II	3	GER 102
GER 201	Intermed German I	3	GER 201
GER 202	Intermed German II	3	GER 202
HIS 101	Western Civilization to 1689	3	HIST 103
HIS 102	Western Civilization Post 1689	3	HIST 104
HIS 104	World History I	3	Hist elec, 200 level
HIS 105	World History II	3	Hist elec, 200 level
HIS 115	African American History	3	Hist elec, 200 level
HIS 201	Am. History Discovery to 1877	3	HIST 101
HIS 202	Am. History 1877 to Present	3	HIST 102
HIS 210	Intro to China	3	Hist elec, 200 level
HIS 222	Global Women's History	3	Hist elec, 200 level
HIS 230	The American Civil War	3	Hist elec, 200 level
HSS 205	Technology & Society	3	Humanities elective
(Counts toward 15 hrs humanities)			
JOU 101	Intro to Journalism	3	Mass Comm elective
LEG 135	Intro to Law and Ethics	3	POL 206
MAT 102	Intermed Algebra	3	MATH 105
MAT 110	College Algebra	3	MATH 111
MAT 111	College Trigonometry	3	MATH 132
MAT 115	Math for Elem Ed I	3	MATH 170
MAT 116	Math Elem Ed II	3	MATH 270
MAT 120	Probability & Statistics	3	MATH 134
MAT 130	Elementary Calculus	3	MATH 140
MAT 140	Analytical Geo. & Calc. I	3	MATH 201
MAT 141	Analytical Geo. & Calc. II	3	MATH 202
MAT 211	Math for Elem Educ	3	MATH 170
MAT 212	Math for Elem Educ	3	MATH 270
MAT 240	Analytical Geo. and Calc. III	3	MATH 203
MAT 242	Differential Equations	3	Math elec, 200 level
MAT 250	Elementary Mathematics	3	MATH 170
MU 101	Chorus	1	MU 100
MU 102	Chorus	1	MU 100
MU 103	Chorus	1	MU 100
MUS 105	Music Appreciation	3	MU 101
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PRS 201
PHI 106	Logic II Inductive Reasoning	3	PRS elec, 100 level
PHI 105	Introduction to Logic	3	PRS 203
PHI 110	Ethics	3	PRS elec, 100 level
PHI 115	Contemp. Moral Issues	3	PRS elec, 100 level
PHS 101	Physical Science I	4	PSCI 101
PHS 102	Physical Science II	4	PSCI 102
PHY 201	Physics I	4	PHYS 215
PHY 202	Physics II	4	PHYS 216
PHY 221	University Physics I	4	PHYS 200
PHY 222	University Physics II	4	PHYS 201

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PHY 223	University Physics III	4	PHYS 202
PSC 201	American Government	3	POL 101
PSC 205	Politics & Government	3	POL 103
PSC 215	State & Local Government	3	POL 202
PSC 220	International Rel	3	POL 203
PSY 105	Pers & Interpers	3	Psy elec, 200 level
PSY 115	Industrial Psychology	3	Psy elec, 200 level
PSY 201	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 206
PSY 203	Human Growth & Dev	3	**elective
PSY 208	Human Sexuality	3	Psy elec, 200 level
PSY 210	Educ Psychology	3	Psy elec, 200 level
PSY 212	Abnormal Psychology	3	Psy elec, 200 level
PSY 221	Social Psychology	3	Psy elec, 200 level
REL 101	Intro to Religion	3	PRS 202
REL 103	Comparative Religion	3	PRS 202
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOCI 201
SOC 102	Marriage & the Family	3	SOCI 205
SOC 151	International Sociology	3	Soci elec, 200 level
SOC 205	Social Problems	3	Soci elec, 200 level
SOC 206	Social Psychology	3	Soci elec, 200 level
SOC 210	Juvenile Delinquency	3	Soci elec, 200 level
SOC 220	Sociology & the Family	3	Soci elec, 200 level
SOC 235	Thanatology	3	Soci elec, 200 level
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I	3	SPAN 101
SPA 102	Elementary Spanish II	3	SPAN 102
SPA 201	Intermed Span I	3	SPAN 201
SPA 202	Intermed Span II	3	SPAN 202
SPC 205	Public Speaking	3	SPCO 101
SPC 209	Interpers Comm	3	Speech elective
SPC 210	Oral Interp. of Literature	3	Speech elective
SPC 215	Voice & Diction	3	SPCO 203
THE 101	Introduction to Theatre	3	THEA 101
THE 105	Fund of Acting	3	THEA 203

**Fulfills Life Span requirement for Pre-Nursing or FMU Nursing majors only.

SC TRAC

To gain a better understanding of what courses transfer to FMU from the South Carolina Technical Colleges or from many of the postsecondary institutions within South Carolina, we suggest using the South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center (SC TRAC) Website. Creating a student account on this website will assist you in planning your transfer to FMU. Additionally, students who have a student account will be able to input courses directly into the system to generate an unofficial degree audit based on course equivalencies currently available on SC TRAC. This means that you will be able to see exactly how the coursework you have already completed or are in-progress with fit into the major(s) you are interested in pursuing at FMU. To set up an SC TRAC student account, please visit the SC TRAC website at <https://www.sctrac.org>.

Advanced Placement Credit

Advanced placement credit can be earned through the College Entrance Board Advancement Placement Exams, CLEP exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams and through placement exams offered by FMU. Francis Marion University may accept a total of 30 hours of advanced placement credit. A student may not take a course for which he/she has previously earned advanced placement credit. Students may audit such courses with the permission of the instructor and the appropriate academic chair/dean.

College Entrance Board Advanced Placement

Students who have taken advanced placement tests through the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Program and who score satisfactorily may obtain college credit. The score necessary for credit for a particular course is determined cooperatively by the appropriate department or school and the Registrar. Students must request that their scores be sent to Francis Marion University c/o the Office of Counseling and Testing. Advanced Placement scores obtained during high school are usually received at FMU in mid-July. The chart below lists scores required to receive credit in the AP program:

College Board

<i>AP Examinations</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Course Exempted</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Art History	3, 4, 5	Art 101	3
Studio Art: Drawing	3, 4, 5	Art 203	3
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3, 4, 5	Art 204	3
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3, 4, 5	Art 205	3
Biology	3	Biology 105	4
Biology	4, 5	Biology 105, 106	8
Calculus AB*	3, 4	Math 201	3
Calculus AB	5	Math 201, 202	6
Calculus BC	3	Math 201, 202	6
Calculus BC	4, 5	Math 201, 202, 203	9
Chemistry	3, 4, 5	Chemistry 101, 102	8
Computer Science A	3, 4, 5	Computer Science 226	3
Computer Science AB	3, 4, 5	Computer Science 226, 227	6
Macroeconomics	3, 4, 5	Economics 204	3
Microeconomics	3, 4, 5	Economics 203	3
English Language and Composition	3, 4, 5	English 112	3
English Literature and Composition	3, 4, 5	English 112	3
Environmental Science	3, 4, 5	Biology 103	4
French Language	3, 4, 5	French 101, 102	6
French Literature	3, 4, 5	French 201, 202	6
German	3, 4, 5	German 101, 102	6
Italian Language	3, 4, 5	Italian Elective	6
Japanese Lang & Cult	3, 4, 5	Elective	6
Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4, 5	Elective	3
United States Government and Politics	3, 4, 5	Political Science 101	3
European History	3	History 203	3

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AP Examinations	Score	Course Exempted	Credits
European History	4, 5	History 203, 204	6
United States History	3	History 201	3
United States History	4, 5	History 201, 202	6
World History	3, 4, 5	History 205	3
Human Geography	3, 4, 5	Geography 101	3
Latin Literature	3, 4, 5	Elective	3
Latin: Virgil	3, 4, 5	Elective	3
Music Theory	3, 4, 5	Elective	3
Physics 1	3, 4, 5	Physics 215 & 215 L	4
Physics 2	3, 4, 5	Physics 216 & 216 L	4
Physics B	3	Physics 215	4
Physics B	4, 5	Physics 215, 216	8
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3	Physics 201	4
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	4, 5	Physics 201, 202	8
Physics C: Mechanics	3	Physics 201	4
Physics C: Mechanics	4, 5	Physics 201, 202	8
Psychology	3, 4, 5	Psychology 206	3
Spanish Language	3, 4, 5	Spanish 101, 102	6
Spanish Literature	3, 4, 5	Spanish 201, 202	6
Statistics	3, 4, 5	Math 134	3

* Including AB subscore on BC exam.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The University awards credit for satisfactory scores on many of the Subject Examinations offered through the CLEP program. Only freshman and sophomore students are eligible to take CLEP exams without prior permission from a department chair or school dean. Juniors and students who have attained senior standing may attempt CLEP exams but first must obtain written permission from the department chair or dean of the school of the discipline in which a particular exam is offered. Normally, seniors during the semester prior to their graduation will not be allowed to attempt CLEP exams. No graduating senior will be allowed to attempt CLEP exams after the deadline for applying for graduation. CLEP exams can be taken at the Office of Counseling and Testing at FMU (843-661-1840). The following chart lists scores required for credit in the CLEP Program.

Course allowed

CLEP Exam	Score	toward degree	Credits
American Govt.	50	Pol. Sci. 101	3
American Literature	50	Lit. 200 Elective	3
Analyzing & Interpreting Lit.	50	Lit. 200 Elective	3
Biology	50-62	Biology 105	4
	63+	Biology 106	4
Calculus	50	Math 201	3
Chemistry	50-62	Chemistry 101	4
	63+	Chemistry 102	4
College Algebra	50	Math 111	3

Course allowed

<i>CLEP Exam</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>toward degree</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English Literature	50	Lit. 200 Elective	3
English Composition with essay	58+	English 200	3
Financial Accounting	50	Accounting 201	3
French	50-61	French 101 & 102	6
	59+	French 201 & 202	12
German	50-61	German 101 & 102	6
	59+	German 201 & 202	12
History of the U.S. I: Early Colonizations to 1877	50	History 201	3
History of the U.S. II: 1865 to Present	50	History 202	3
Information Systems & Computer Applications	50	Computer Science 150	3
Introductory Business Law	50	Business 206	3
Intro Psychology	50	Psychology 206	3
Intro Sociology	50	Sociology 201	3
Precalculus	50	Math 137	3
Principles of Management	50	Management 351	3
Principles of Marketing	50	Marketing 331	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	Economics 204	3
Principles of Microeconomics	50	Economics 203	3
Spanish 50-61	Spanish 101 & 102 63+	6 Spanish 201 & 202	12
West Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	History 203	3
West Civilization II: 1648 to Present	50	History 204	3

International Baccalaureate

To assist you in reaching your academic goals, FMU awards college course credit for satisfactory scores on higher level International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. Students who have completed courses and the tests in the International Baccalaureate Program must have their scores sent to the Office of Counseling and Testing at FMU for evaluation. The chart below lists scores required for credit in the I. B. program.

<i>IB Exam</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Course allowed</i>	<i>Credits</i>
<i>Higher Level</i>		<i>toward degree</i>	
Biology	4	Biology 104	4
Biology	5	Biology 105	4
Biology	6, 7	Biology 105, 106	8
Chemistry	5	Chemistry 101	4
Chemistry	6, 7	Chemistry 101, 102	8
Computing Studies	5, 6, 7	Computer Science 190	3
Economics	5, 6, 7	Economics 203, 204	6
English (Lang. A)	4, 5	English 112	3
English (Lang. A)	6, 7	English 112, 200	6

<i>IB Exam</i>		<i>Course allowed</i>	
<i>Higher Level</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>toward degree</i>	<i>Credits</i>
French	4	French 101	3
French	5	French 101, 102	6
French	6	French 101, 102, 201	9
French	7	French 101, 102, 201, 202	12
Geography	4, 5, 6, 7	Geography 101	3
German	4	German 101	3
German	5	German 101, 102	6
German	6	German 101, 102, 201	9
German	7	German 101, 102, 201, 202	12
History-American	4, 5, 6, 7	History 201 or 202	3
History-European	4, 5, 6, 7	History 203 or 204	3
Mathematics	5	Math 201*	3
Mathematics	6, 7	Math 201, 202**	6
Mathematics - Prob. & Statistics (35 hour option)	6, 7	Math 134	3
Music	4, 5	Music 115, 116, 101	7
Music	6, 7	Music 115, 116, 101, 215, 216	14
Physics	5	Physics 215	4
Physics	6, 7	Physics 215, 216	8
Psychology	5, 6, 7	Psychology 206	3
Spanish	4	Spanish 101	3
Spanish	5	Spanish 101, 102	6
Spanish	6	Spanish 101, 102, 201	9
Spanish	7	Spanish 101, 102, 201, 202	12

*Students will be placed in MATH 202 and receive credit for MATH 201 after successful completion of MATH 202 with a grade of C or higher.

**Students will be placed in MATH 203 and receive credit for MATH 201 and 202 after successful completion of MATH 203 with a grade of C or higher.