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**FALL 2020**  
**PRE-ORIENTATION BOOKLET**



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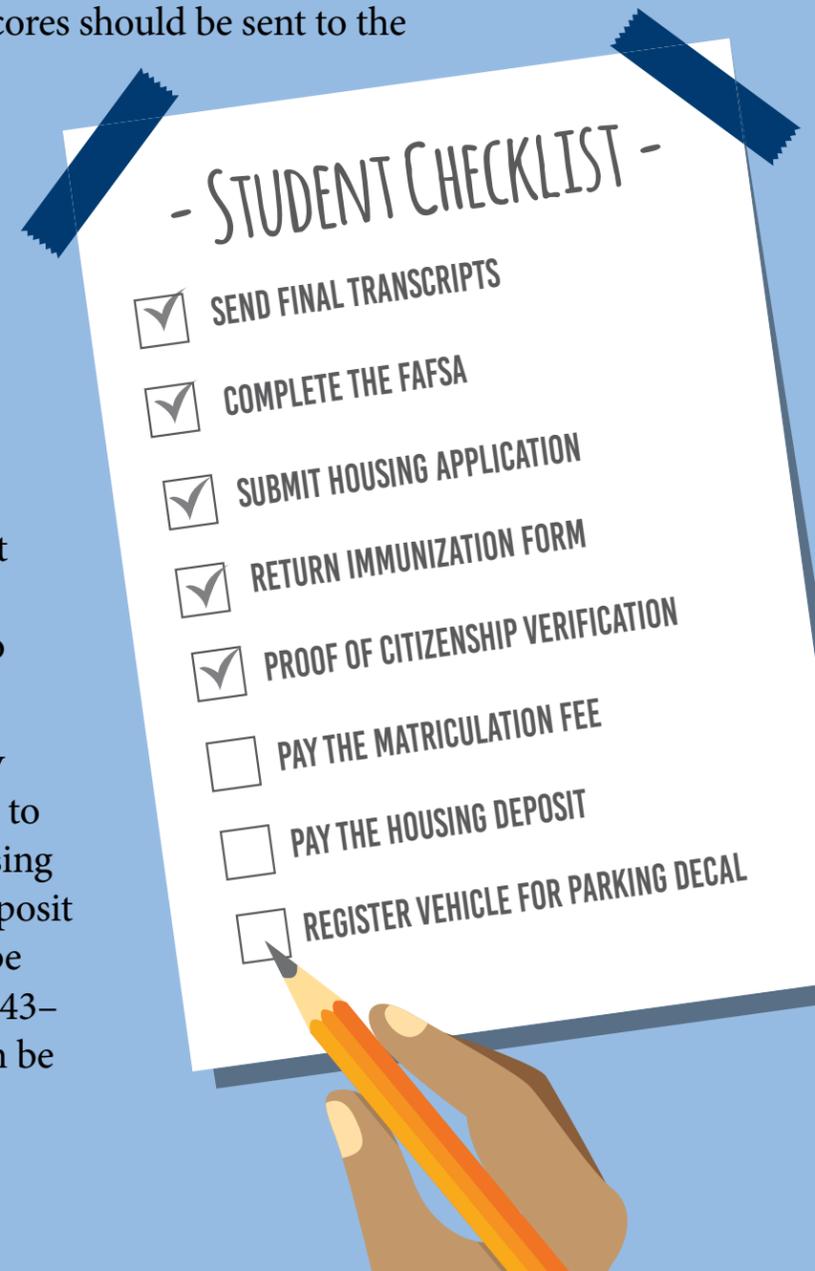


\*STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN FALL 2020 COURSES TO UPLOAD AN ID PHOTO.

## REMINDERS FOR NEW INCOMING STUDENTS

- Log into your Patriot Portal at [fmarion.edu](https://fmarion.edu). See page 20 for instructions.
- Return your Immunization Form to the Office of Student Health
- Satisfy Citizenship Verification requirement by providing a copy of your S.C. driver's license, birth certificate, certificate of naturalization or permanent resident card to the Office of Admissions. Documents can be emailed to [documents@fmarion.edu](mailto:documents@fmarion.edu)
- Complete the FAFSA online to be considered for Financial Assistance.
- In the Patriot Portal, review your financial aid award letter and accept available financial assistance.
- Send your Final Transcript to the Office of Admissions. This also includes any dual-enrollment transcripts. AP or IB test scores should be sent to the Office of Counseling and Testing.
- Purchase your FMU parking decal online at the Patriot Marketplace which can be found in the Patriot Portal.
- Pay the \$126 Matriculation Fee\* – This non-refundable fee is required for all new students and guarantees your spot in the incoming class. The deadline for matriculation fee payment is September 1st, 2020. To pay, call the Cashier's Office at 843-661-1596 or go online in your Patriot Portal account.
- Submit a Housing Application and pay the \$173 Housing Fee\* – If you choose to live on campus, you will be sent a housing contract after your non-refundable deposit is received. The Housing Deposit can be paid by calling the Cashier's Office at 843-661-1596. The housing application can be found at [fmarion.edu/housing](https://fmarion.edu/housing).

\* Fees are subject to change on July 1st.



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WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?  
CONTACT US!



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843-661-1288

# WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL!

The Virtual Orientation Guide will provide you with the schedule, maps, FAQs, resources, contact information and the most up-to-date messaging for your orientation. It's important that you download it to have the best possible experience!

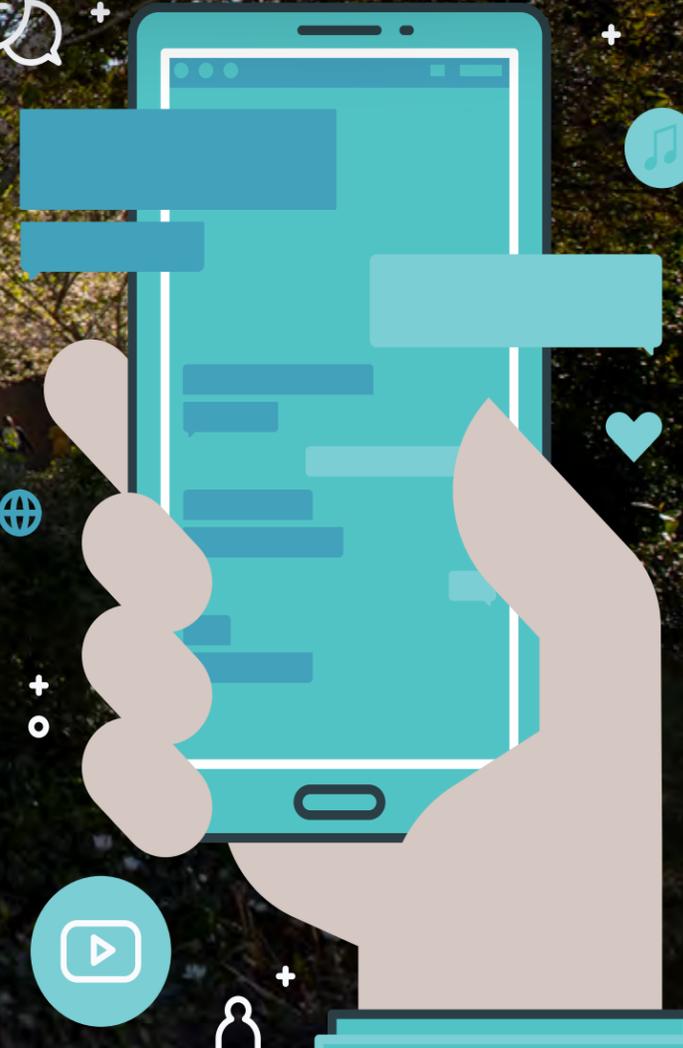
Simply go to the app provider in your smart phone and search for the Guidebook App. Once you've downloaded the Guidebook app, search for the "Francis Marion University Orientation" event.

Having trouble? Go to [guidebook.com/g/fmuorientation2020](http://guidebook.com/g/fmuorientation2020) to download!

YOU'VE GOT AN  
ORIENTATION MESSAGE!

SCHEDULE

RESOURCES



# HELPFUL INFO FOR NEW STUDENTS

## University Life 100: First-Year Seminar (FYS)

If you are a new freshman, you will be enrolled in First-Year Seminar during your first semester at FMU. We want you to have a successful start, and FYS helps to ensure that you are prepared by giving you a place to learn more about the University and ask questions throughout the semester.

## Academics

We want your time at Francis Marion to be successful. During Orientation, we will review the academic standards of the University and how you can be successful. The University offers free academic services through the Center for Academic Success and Advisement's: Writing Center, Tutoring Center, First Year Advising and Office of Career Development. In addition, you will have access to several computer labs on campus, the Cauthen Educational Media Center, and Rogers Library.

## Financial Assistance

We know that applying for financial assistance can be stressful. The first step is to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Once the Office of Financial Assistance receives this, you will receive a letter notifying you of your award. To learn more about what types of aid are offered, visit the Financial Assistance website at [fmarion.edu/financialassistance](http://fmarion.edu/financialassistance). Financial aid representatives are also available to answer questions and provide guidance during Orientation.

## Registering for Classes

You will register for classes for the upcoming semester with an academic advisor during Orientation.

## Campus Life

Francis Marion has an active, diverse student population that seeks to get the most out of the college experience. As a result, you have the option to participate in a large number of student organizations and events on campus. Student Organizations are open to both residential and commuter students.

## Housing

FMU offers residence halls, villas, and apartments for convenient on-campus housing. If you have not yet signed up for on-campus housing, it isn't too late. Many students find living on campus to be the most convenient option, especially when just beginning college. If you have already signed up for housing or want to sign up for it, a representative from the Housing Office will be available during Orientation to speak with you and guide you through the process.

## Campus Safety

Safety is a top priority at FMU. The University has an on-site police force who patrols at all hours. There are emergency call boxes located around the campus, as well as resident assistants within residence halls and apartments.

## Study Abroad

Francis Marion has a number of short-term and long-term study abroad opportunities for students. These opportunities provide a wonderful way for you to gain valuable experience outside of the classroom while traveling to countries like England, Germany, France, Canada, Ireland and more.

## Student Health

Student health is important to us. Located in the Education Foundation Building beside the Griffin Athletic Complex, the student health clinic and counseling center offer free services to FMU students. In addition, students have access to the pool and fitness center located in the University Center.

## FMU Catalog

The Catalog for the year that you enter the University will be your guide until you graduate. The Catalog contains information on majors, courses, campus resources, and other valuable pieces of information that you will need.

## I am transferring from a South Carolina Technical College. What classes will I be able to transfer into FMU?

If you are transferring from a South Carolina Technical College, review the rules regarding transfer credit as well as the transfer guide online at [bit.ly/TransferGuide18](http://bit.ly/TransferGuide18) to see what courses will transfer.

## Transferring Credit from Other Institutions

Official transcripts of students transferring from another institution are evaluated in the Registrar's Office, and the results are provided to you in the Patriot Portal. The applicability of transferred credits to major requirements is determined by the Registrar's Office.

# FIRST YEAR COMPOSITION

All students at Francis Marion must fulfill the university writing requirement by successfully completing our first-year composition sequence:

- ENG 101 or ENG 101E/101L
- ENG 102

Composition courses at FMU are capped at 15 students per section. This small class size allows for more teacher-student interaction, stronger writing communities, and engaged learning experiences – ones that we hope students will recall throughout their years at FMU.

## How do I know what composition course is right for me?

All incoming students should enroll in either ENG 101 (Analysis and Argument) or ENG 101E/101L (Analysis and Argument with Extended Studio) unless you have college credit from dual enrollment, AP credit, or transfer credit. If you select ENG 101E, then be sure to enroll in its corresponding ENG 101L studio counterpart. After successfully completing ENG 101 or ENG 101E/101L, students will enroll in ENG 102. Note that a grade of C or higher must be obtained in composition courses to satisfy graduation requirements. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/FMUeng>.

## How do I decide between ENG 101 or ENG 101E/ENG 101L?

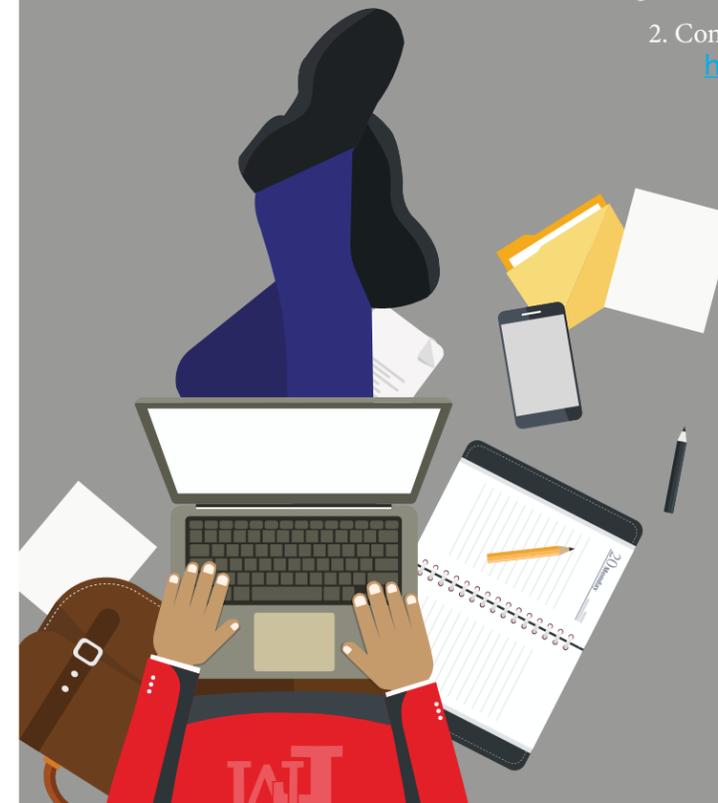
Students should consider the level of instructional support they prefer. To do so, follow these steps:

### What is the difference between ENG 101 and ENG 101E/ENG 101L?

While the two have the same goals, the main difference is the course structure. ENG 101E is an "extended" version of ENG 101 and is paired with a writing studio called ENG 101L (an elective studio/lab hour that is assessed on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory level). The goal of the ENG 101L studio is to offer students more time for writing practice, more assistance with writing, and more guidance with revision. This extra instructional time better prepares students for success in and beyond their composition courses.

1. Identify strengths and weaknesses with your writing abilities and reflect on whether or not the supplemental writing studio component would be beneficial.
2. Complete our Directed Self-Placement questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/fmuDSP20>, which will encourage that reflection and will offer a course recommendation upon completion.

The DSP questionnaire's course recommendation is a suggestion; ultimately, you should use the information you have gathered in this three-step process and decide on the course that best fits your needs. If you need help deciding, feel free to contact the English Department for assistance by calling 843-661-1371.



# ASPIRING CAREERS

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE MAJORS AND PROGRAMS OF STUDY AT FMU.

One of the strengths of FMU's curriculum has been the development of new programs in critical professions, such as healthcare and engineering. FMU now offers nine professional specialties in healthcare, all aimed at areas facing acute shortages of skilled practitioners. The university is preparing to start its second engineering program, Mechanical Engineering, which will be an addition to its popular Industrial Engineering program.

These programs in addition to dozens of others, allows the university to fulfill its mission of graduating students prepared to handle the workforce needs of hundreds of careers and professions.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION  
(MATH, BIOLOGY, ENGLISH, HISTORY, ART)

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF EDUCATION  
• LEARNING DISABILITIES  
• TEACHING & LEARNING

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING  
• LEARNING DISABILITIES

BUSINESS  
ACCOUNTING  
COMPUTER SCIENCE  
BUSINESS ECONOMICS  
FINANCE  
HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS  
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
MANAGEMENT  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
MARKETING  
NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT  
SPORTS MANAGEMENT  
SPORTS MARKETING  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
IN HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

## NURSING

NURSING  
RN-TO-BS NURSING  
(TWO-YEAR TO FOUR-YEAR DEGREE)

## HEALTHCARE

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION  
HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS  
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
• FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER  
• NURSE EDUCATOR  
• PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES  
MASTER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
NURSE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**BIOLOGY**  
BIOLOGY  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
PRE-MED  
PRE-DENTAL  
PRE-VETERINARY  
BIOLOGY SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION  
FOREST RESOURCES  
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

## CHEMISTRY

CHEMISTRY  
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY CERTIFICATION  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
PRE-PHARMACY

## ENGLISH

ENGLISH  
LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM  
CREATIVE WRITING  
PROFESSIONAL WRITING  
ENGLISH SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

## FINE ARTS

FINE ARTS  
K-12 ART EDUCATION CERTIFICATION  
MUSIC  
MUSIC INDUSTRY  
THEATRE ARTS  
THEATRE PERFORMANCE  
THEATRE PRODUCTION  
ART HISTORY  
CERAMICS  
GRAPHIC DESIGN  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**HISTORY**  
HISTORY  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
HISTORY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

## HUMANITIES

AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES  
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
GENDER STUDIES  
GEOGRAPHY  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## MASS COMMUNICATION

MASS COMMUNICATION  
BROADCAST JOURNALISM  
CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM  
PUBLIC RELATIONS  
SPORTS JOURNALISM

## MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS  
MATHEMATICS SECONDARY EDUCATION  
CERTIFICATION

## MODERN LANGUAGES

FRENCH  
SPANISH

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLITICAL SCIENCE  
GEOGRAPHY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
PRE-LAW  
LEGAL STUDIES  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## PHYSICS & ENGINEERING

ASTRONOMY  
COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS  
HEALTH PHYSICS  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

## PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY

## SOCIOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
ANTHROPOLOGY

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
• APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY  
• APPLIED BEHAVIOR  
ANALYSIS  
• CLINICAL COUNSELING  
SPECIALIST DEGREE  
IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

## RESOURCES @FMARIONU



## COLLEGE...IT'S A BIG STEP. MOST STUDENTS THINK THEY'RE READY. BUT EVERYONE CAN STAND A LITTLE HELP.

That's why Francis Marion University created the Center for Academic Success & Advisement (CASA) several years ago. CASA is home to a range of free student support services. Under the CASA roof, students will find everything from academic counseling to tutoring to advice on jobs and careers.

CASA's resources and services are available to each and every student on campus. Some will want to see tutors or advisors on a regular basis; others will just drop in from time to time, as the need arises. No matter the need, CASA's doors are open.

### CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS & ADVISEMENT

**Founders Hall, Room 220 • 843-661-1400**

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 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 experience 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.

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 academic counseling for probationary students and answer general questions

for students about course registration, majors and minors, study skills, time management, career guidance, and more.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**Founders Hall, Room 220 • 843-661-1676**

The Career Development Office, located in CASA, provides a comprehensive, educational approach to career development and preparation. Career services and programs are available for all FMU students and alumni.

Students are encouraged to begin using the Career Development Office during their first year of enrollment. Staff members are available to meet with students exploring their skills and interests as they decide upon their majors and plans for specific career fields.

The Career Development Office also provides links for students pursuing employment opportunities through employer visits and a resume referral service available to students and alumni. Career guidance workshops allow students to explore occupations, research employers, and develop the skills needed to conduct successful job searches. Mock interviews are also available for student job seekers.

The Career Development Office also holds a job fair each fall and spring semester, connecting students and alumni with a variety of employers. Full-time, part-time, and summer job ads and internships for on-campus and off-campus positions are regularly posted outside the Career Development Office (FH 220) and on Career Development's social media pages. The Career Development staff also offer information sessions and one-on-one meetings for students considering graduate or pre-professional programs of study.

### CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY

**Stanton Academic Computer Center • 843-661-1335**

Campus Technology oversees the computer labs across campus, provides students with an FMU email account, offers a help desk to assist with computer or network issues, and provides networked dorms and wireless hot spots across campus.

### COUNSELING & TESTING

**Education Foundation Building • 843-661-1840**

The Counseling and Testing Center offers personal counseling, disability accommodations, and testing services.

### LIBRARY SERVICES

**Rogers Library • 843-661-1300**

The library offers a variety of web-based databases

and catalogs, over 10 million book volumes, and twenty individual group and study rooms. Wireless internet as well as a computer lab is provided in the library.

### MEDIA SERVICES

**Cauthen Educational Media Center, Rm 101 • 843-661-1250**

The Media Center includes a computer lab and other related resources for students.

### RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

**Smith University Center • 843-661-1180**

The Smith University Center houses a number of campus offices as well as recreational facilities including a gymnasium with four practice basketball courts, an eight-lane varsity swimming pool with three diving boards, sauna, four racquetball/handball courts, game area (pool tables, ping-pong tables, and foosball), fitness room with weights and exercise machines, locker rooms, and much more.

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

**Education Foundation Building • 843-661-1844**

Student Health Services provides healthcare, health education, and referral services to students when needed. No fees are charged for on-campus services; however, modest fees are charged for off-site laboratory testing. Fees for referral provider visits are the responsibility of the student receiving care.

### TUTORING CENTER

**Founders Hall, Room 220 • 843-661-1675**

The FMU Tutoring Center provides all students with learning assistance for a variety of subjects, including math, sciences, social sciences, and humanities courses. Located in CASA (Founders Hall 220), the Tutoring Center is staffed by faculty members and trained peer tutors. Students are welcome to meet with tutors to review course content, practice problem-solving skills, and discuss study strategies.

### WRITING CENTER

**Founders Hall, Room 114C • 843-661-1528**

The FMU Writing Center is available to help all students improve their writing abilities and acquire the skills needed to succeed at writing tasks in academic and professional communities. English Department faculty consultants and trained student consultants provide one-on-one assistance on a wide range of writing tasks and projects, including research papers for all disciplines, literary analyses, creative writing, lab reports, resumes, business letters, and graduate school applications. Students are invited to meet with a consultant at any stage of the writing process for guidance.

# COLLEGE DOESN'T HAVE TO BREAK THE BANK...

At FMU, it won't. We're one of  
South Carolina's most affordable universities.

## What is Financial Assistance?

Financial assistance is available in the form of grants, scholarships, loans, and a work-study program.

The first step in the financial assistance application process is completion of the FAFSA. The FAFSA collects information that will be analyzed for use by Francis Marion University's Office of Financial Assistance to determine the types of assistance for which you qualify. It is highly recommended that you and your parent(s) apply for a FSA ID before completing your FAFSA. FMU's Title IV School Code is 009226.

FAFSA allows you to enter the FAFSA information into the program and transmit the information directly to the U.S. Department of Education. You and your parents will sign the FAFSA with the FSA ID. If you or your parent do not have a FSA ID, save your FAFSA and complete the FSA ID application. Once you and your parents receive your FSA ID, go back into your saved FAFSA and sign with the FSA IDs. Signing with FSA IDs saves 2 – 3 weeks processing time.

The FAFSA must be completed for every academic year that you want assistance. Each academic year begins in the fall and ends in the summer.

## What happens after the FAFSA is completed?

Once the FAFSA is completed online and signed with a Personal Identification Number (PIN), you should receive an email from the U.S. Department of Education within one week. The Office of Financial Assistance will typically receive the results of the FAFSA within 7 business days. You will either receive a request via the Patriot Portal for additional paperwork or an award notice within approximately 14 business days of submission of the online FAFSA. Return completed paperwork as quickly as possible to the Office of Financial Assistance.

If no information from the Department of Education or from the Office of Financial Assistance is received within the above-mentioned time frames, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243.

## Is Loan Entrance Counseling required?

If you are considering a loan at any point while attending FMU, you will need to complete loan entrance counseling\* online which is a Federal requirement. You will only need to complete this interview once while attending FMU.

*\*Loan Entrance Counseling is not an application for a loan and does not obligate students in any way to accept a loan.*

## Is there an application for the LIFE or HOPE scholarship?

No, there is not an application for these scholarships. If you are eligible for either the LIFE or HOPE scholarship, you will receive an award notice and certification form within 3–4 weeks after acceptance to the University. You should contact the Office of Financial Assistance if no notification has been received within 3–4 weeks of acceptance and you believe that you are eligible.

## How is financial aid applied to fees?

Once financial assistance has been awarded and all requirements have been met, financial assistance can be used to pay tuition and fees. If there is enough assistance to cover tuition and fees, assistance will automatically be applied to the student account. This transaction will be reflected on the Patriot Portal.

If there is not enough available assistance to pay all tuition and fees, you must pay the remaining balance out of personal funds. To help manage payments, you may sign-on the Patriot Portal. Once payment for the complete balance or the payment plan application and first payment are received, they will be applied to the account and posted on financial assistance. The payment deadline for the Fall semester is August 5.

## What if there is not enough aid to cover fees?

Go to [www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance/loaninformation](http://www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance/loaninformation) to see detailed instructions on what steps to take to cover fees.

## What is a Change Check?

A change check is a check for any excess funds in the account after the bill has been paid in full. You will receive an email in your FMU Gmail account when a change check or refund check is available. Instead of receiving a paper check, you will sign-up for direct deposit into a checking or savings account. Direct Deposit forms can be found online at [fmarion.edu/accounting](http://fmarion.edu/accounting)



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**FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY**

**2020**

## FINANCIAL AID LINKS

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

[www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance/scholarships](http://www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance/scholarships)

### FAFSA & PAYMENT PLAN INFO

[www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance](http://www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance)

### PORTAL/PATRIOT PORTAL 101

[www.fmarion.edu/portal101](http://www.fmarion.edu/portal101)

### PATRIOT MARKETPLACE

[secure.touchnet.net/C20764\\_ustores/web/index.jsp?clearPreview=true](http://secure.touchnet.net/C20764_ustores/web/index.jsp?clearPreview=true)

## Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2019–2020

- Go to Financial Assistance [www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance](http://www.fmarion.edu/financialassistance)
- The following items will be needed to complete the FAFSA:
  - 2017 W-2 forms (parent and student)
  - 2017 Federal tax returns (parent and student)
  - Records of untaxed income such as TANF, Social Security, etc.
- Keep copies of all documents in a folder in case you are selected for verification.
- The FAFSA has to be completed each academic year. Rule of thumb: when you complete your taxes, file your FAFSA.

## Personal Identification Number (Pin)

- If a PIN from the [FMU website](http://FMU website) has not been requested, go to [Financial Assistance](http://Financial Assistance) to select one.
- PINs are used in place of signatures on FAFSAs, promissory notes, etc.
- Using PINs in place of signatures reduces the processing of the FAFSA by as much as 3 – 4 weeks!

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Commission on Higher Education  
[www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov)  
 Information about state scholarships

Francis Marion University  
[www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu):

- Check the status of FMU financial assistance application in the Patriot Portal
- Determine what follow-up is needed to complete the FMU FA file
- Print FA forms needed to complete the FMU FA file.
- View award amounts
- Complete online Loan Entrance Counseling (approximate time: 5 minutes)
- Apply for a Parent PLUS loan (approximate time: 5 – 10 minutes)
- Monitor the Satisfactory Academic Progress information
- Request PINs to replace student and parent signatures
- Complete FAFSA



# STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

All state scholarship recipients must be S.C. residents at the time of high school graduation. Criteria and funding for these scholarships are subject to change. Although every effort is made to update FMU's Office of Financial Assistance website as changes occur, the most up-to-date information is available at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).

## Palmetto Fellows:

- Palmetto Fellows = \$6700 1st year, \$7500 2nd, 3rd & 4th years
- Application submitted to the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) during high school
- FMU notified of eligible recipients by CHE
- To renew scholarship:
  - Must earn 30 hours per year (Fall, Spring and Summer)
  - Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative FMU GPA

### Important:

Initial awards are made upon tentative acceptance to FMU. Eligibility may change when final transcripts are received by FMU.

## LIFE Scholarship:

- LIFE = \$5000 per year
- No application is required for the LIFE Scholarship. Once accepted to FMU, transcript data will be evaluated for LIFE Scholarship eligibility.
- New freshmen must meet two of the following three requirements to be eligible for the LIFE Scholarship:
  - 3.0 high school GPA based on Uniform Grading Scale
  - Have a combined Pre-March 2016 SAT Score (Critical Reading and Math) of 1100 or higher; combined New SAT Score (Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math) of 1160 or higher; or a 24 or higher ACT Score
  - Rank in top 30% of high school graduating class
- \*Cannot be eligible for Palmetto Fellows.
- The chart below outlines the guidelines that must be met in order to renew LIFE Scholarship.

### LIFE SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

First Term Attended	LIFE GPA	Hours Needed	By End of Summer
Fall 2020	3.0	30	2021
	3.0	60	2022
	3.0	90	2023

## HOPE Scholarship:

- HOPE = \$2800 per year
- No application is required for the HOPE Scholarship. Once accepted to FMU, the high school transcript data will be evaluated for HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
- To be eligible for a HOPE Scholarship, a student must be a first-time freshman and have a 3.0 high school GPA based on Uniform Grading Scale.
  - \*Cannot be eligible for Palmetto Fellows or LIFE.
- The HOPE Scholarship does NOT renew. Students must gain eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship or they will be ineligible for state scholarship funds.

## Enhancement Scholarship:

- Enhancement = \$2500 per year (available 2nd, 3rd & 4th years only)
- Available for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of college;
- Not available to 1st year students
- Must be Palmetto Fellows or LIFE eligible
- Must be enrolled in and making progress toward a math or science major approved by CHE. A list of approved majors are available on the [CHE website](http://CHE website).
- Must have earned 14 hours of CHE approved math and science courses by the end of the first year of college.
  - \*As of today, all math, computer science and science courses (biology, chemistry, physics an physical science) offered at FMU are approved by CHE to meet this requirement. This is subject to change.

# RESIDENCE LIFE



HOUSING **FM**

Don't forget to complete your Housing application!

To learn more about on campus housing, go to [fmarion.edu/housing](http://fmarion.edu/housing)

Have questions? Call the Housing Office at 843-661-1330.

The Housing and Residence Life program promotes academic success by providing modern, attractive facilities in a safe environment. A residence hall or university apartment is more than just a place for sleeping and storing books. It becomes the student's home, the place they will spend most of their time studying, socializing, and living.

There are several options available to students who live on campus.

## Residence Halls

While all full-time FMU students are eligible to live in the Residence Halls, these buildings are designed to meet the needs of freshmen and sophomore students. Every residence hall floor is secured by an electronic "Intelli-Key" built into FMU student IDs, which allows only residents of that floor to enter. A Resident Assistant is assigned to every floor to serve as a resource for students, providing information, oversight and activities for the residents.

## The Village Apartments

The complex consists of 12 two-story apartment buildings accommodating 386 residents. Residing in the Village Apartments provides upperclassmen a higher level of independence and less oversight than the residence halls. As you successfully progress through your college career, you may choose campus apartment living.

## The Forest Villas

The Forest Villas are designed for our graduate and upperclassmen. Assignments to The Forest Villas are made with priority order given to graduate students, seniors, juniors and sophomores. Primarily made up of four-bedroom apartments, the apartment suites contain a shared kitchen with appliances, adjoining living room and two full bathrooms.

Campus housing options come furnished with a bed, dresser and desk with chair.

## How do you apply for on-campus housing?

Information about on-campus housing may be found in your acceptance packet. This information may also be found at [fmarion.edu/housing](http://fmarion.edu/housing).

## How much is on-campus housing?

For information regarding on-campus housing costs, please visit the fees and expenses portion of our website.

## Can roommate requests be made?

Yes, you may request a specific roommate on the housing application. In order for it to be considered, both you and your desired roommate will have to request to be roommates. The Housing Office will do its best to accommodate specific roommate requests, although it cannot guarantee that a request will be honored.

## What options are there for on-campus housing?

FMU offers several options when it comes to on-campus housing including residence halls, the Village Apartments, and the Forest Villas. New freshmen and those with less than 24 hours of college credit live in the residence halls. The apartments and villas are reserved for upperclassmen.

## What are the benefits to living on-campus?

There are many benefits to living on campus. Some of these benefits include proximity to classes and academic resources, as well as financial considerations. You will not have the added concern of having to pay a monthly rent bill or utility fees. It also provides you with a better chance to get involved on campus and become a part of the campus community.

## What are the dining options on-campus?

There are several meal plan options available to students who live on and off campus. Students may dine at:

Ervin Dining Hall

GrilleWorks  
& Subway

Cauthen Cafe

Proudly Serving Starbucks Coffee!

For more information, go to: [fmarion.campusdish.com](http://fmarion.campusdish.com)

# CAMPUS LIFE

Getting involved on campus is a great way to meet and make new friends when you arrive at FMU. With over 60 student organizations to choose from, there's something for everyone. You can also start your own student organization!

## Academic

Ars Medica Society  
 Art Club  
 Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)  
 Biology Club  
 American Chemical Society (ACS)  
 Honors Student Association  
 Math Club  
 Psychology Club  
 Psychology Graduate Student Association  
 Society of Physics Students  
 Sociology Club  
 Student Accounting Association  
 Student Alumni Association  
 Student Athlete Advisory Committee  
 Student Media Association  
 Student Nurses' Association

## Honor Organizations

Chi Alpha Sigma . . . . .Athletic  
 Beta Beta Beta . . . . .Biology  
 Beta Gamma Sigma. . . . .Business  
 Delta Sigma Pi. . . . . Business  
 UpsilonPiEpsilon.....ComputerScience  
 Kappa Delta Pi. . . . .Education  
 Sigma Tau Delta . . . . . English  
 Sigma Delta Pi. . . . .Hispanic  
 Phi Alpha Theta. . . . .History  
 Phi Kappa Phi.....Interdisciplinary  
 Omicron Delta Kappa . . . . .Leadership  
 Rho Lambda . . . . .NPHC  
 Pi Sigma Alpha.....Political Science  
 Psi Chi. . . . .Psychology  
 Pi Gamma Mu.....Social Science  
 Alpha Psi Omega . . . . .Theatre

## Special Interest

A.Bevy  
 Active Minds  
 Alive in Christ Student Ministries  
 Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM)  
 Catholic Campus Ministries  
 Challenging All Norms and Expectations  
 College Democrats  
 College Republicans  
 Collegiate Farm Bureau  
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
 Fierce Force  
 Filmmakers Guild  
 Fine Arts Student Production Company  
 FMU Diplomats  
 FMU Young, Gifted and Blessed Choir  
 FMU Swim Club  
 Gender-Sexuality Alliance  
 Green Club  
 Hooks and Needles  
 House Church  
 International Domestic Student Ambassadors  
 InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
 Intramural Student Council  
 Kinks, Curls, & Waves  
 NAACP  
 Phi Beta Lambda  
 Praise in Motion  
 Pre-Vet Club  
 Reform Christian Fellowship  
 South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL)  
 Student Alumni Association  
 Student Athlete Advisory Committee  
 T.A.O.C.A.T.N.A  
 Teaching Children of Poverty Scholars  
 The Patriot Players  
 The Royal Dolls Dance Team  
 Us-Too  
 Writers Release

## Greek Life

Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) Fraternities  
 Kappa Alpha Order  
 Pi Kappa Alpha  
 Tau Kappa Epsilon  
  
 Panhellenic Conference Sororities  
 Alpha Delta Pi  
 Kappa Delta  
 Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity for Women  
  
 National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)  
 Sororities & Fraternities  
 Alpha Kappa Alpha  
 Alpha Phi Alpha  
 Iota Phi Theta  
 Kappa Alpha Psi  
 Sigma Gamma Rho  
 Zeta Phi Beta

## CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The Campus Recreation Services Program at Francis Marion University is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles within the campus community. By offering various programs and services, the Campus Recreation Services Program is dedicated to providing safe, enjoyable, and educational activities for faculty, staff, and students. Involvement in Intramural Sports does not require a high degree of skill, knowledge, or physical fitness. Only a sincere desire to participate and have fun is necessary. Our goal is to provide every individual with the opportunity to participate and develop skills and interests in a friendly, competitive environment. The program offers all participants the chance to improve their health, relax from work and study, and the opportunity to meet new people and socialize with others.

Competitive sports range from basketball and flag football to table tennis and billiards.

### QUESTIONS? READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Contact Derrick Young  
 843.661.1186 | [dyoung@fmarion.edu](mailto:dyoung@fmarion.edu)  
 University Center 214

 Francis Intramural Sports |  
 @fmu\_intramurals

Students participate in the Swamp Fox Grand Prix pedal car race during the Arts International Festival.



# THE PATRIOT PORTAL

The path to becoming an FMU student and a member of the Patriot community starts with the Patriot Portal.

The Patriot Portal, a cloud-based space that provides secure access to important information for students, faculty and staff at Francis Marion University. The information available to each user is specific to that user. Faculty and staff will use the Portal to complete a number of tasks related to the business of the university, and to access information related to their employment.

For FMU students, the Patriot Portal provides you with access to information about financial aid, class registration, housing; links to commonly used FMU websites; and much more. Additional information, specific to you, will arrive through announcements and notices of coming events.

Students gain access to the Patriot Portal by using the existing username and password associated with their FMU G-mail account.

For security's sake, initial access to the Patriot Portal is a two-step process. Once complete, students can access both their FMU G-Mail account and the Patriot Portal using the same username and password.

## Creating a Password for your Account

Create a password for your FMU G-mail, Portal, & Blackboard account. An FMU G-mail address has been created for you.

- Go to the FMU Password Manager at <https://www.fmarion.edu/create-student-password/>

- Enter your FMU G-Mail user name & temporary password.
  - Username Example: frank.fox or ffox1234 (Do not include "@g.fmarion.edu")
  - Temporary Password Example: fmu + the last five of your social security number: ex. fmu56789
- Under Account Recovery select "View Details" and set up two Challenge Questions.
- Next under Change Password, select "View Details" and create your new password.
- Must have a minimum of 8 characters.
- Must contain lower case letters
- Must contain at least one upper case character
- Must contain at least one number.
- Must contain at least one special character (e.g.@#\$%)
- Once your password is complete and confirmed, proceed to the Portal and enter your credentials.

For more information see

<https://www.fmarion.edu/campustech/passwordmanager/>

## Accessing the Patriot Portal

On any web browser, on any device connected to the Internet, go to the following link:

<https://patriotportal.ec.fmarion.edu>

(Note: A link to the Patriot Portal is also available on the FMU website: [www.fmarion.edu](http://www.fmarion.edu))

Choose FMU Student.

Log-in to the Patriot Portal using the username and password created in the step above.

Users leaving the Portal after a session should log-out completely. To do this, click on the user name in the upper right hand corner of the browser and select "Sign out." After completing this step, close the browser to complete the logout process.

## Patriot Portal Help!

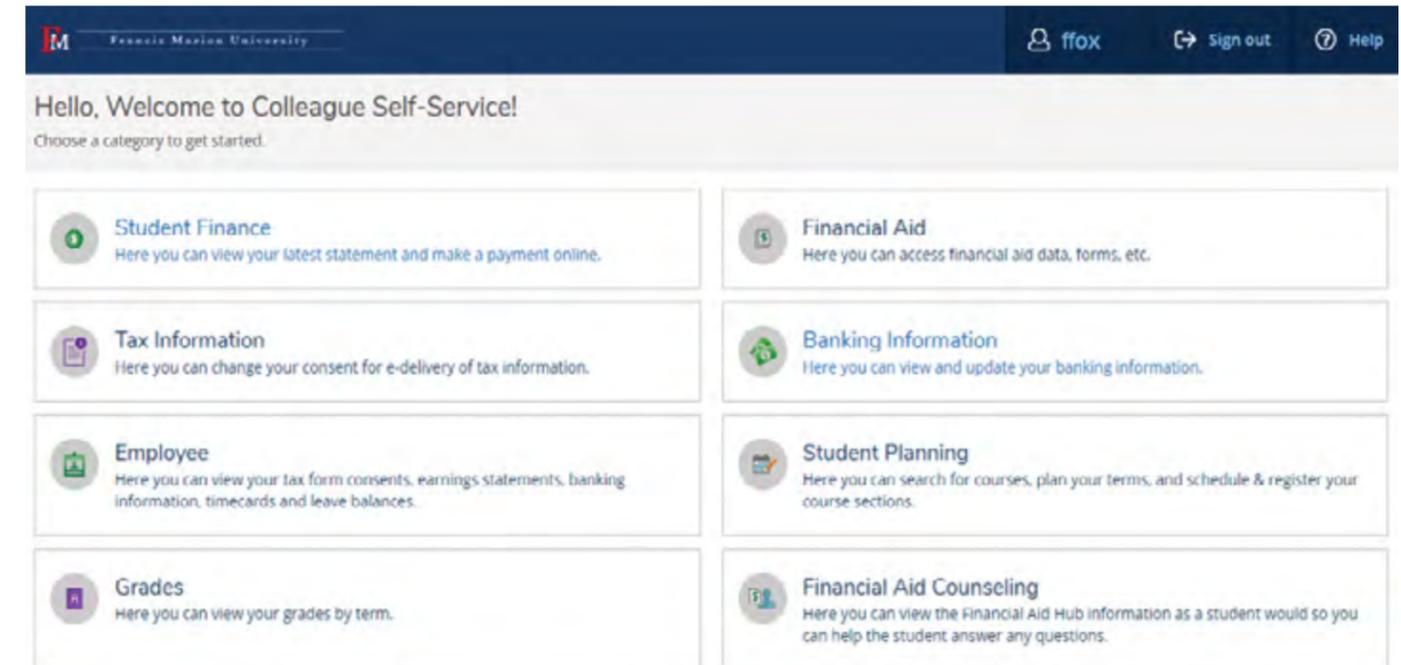
For help using or logging into the Portal, contact the Admissions Office at 843.661.1231.

# AUTHORIZING PROXY WITHIN PATRIOT PORTAL

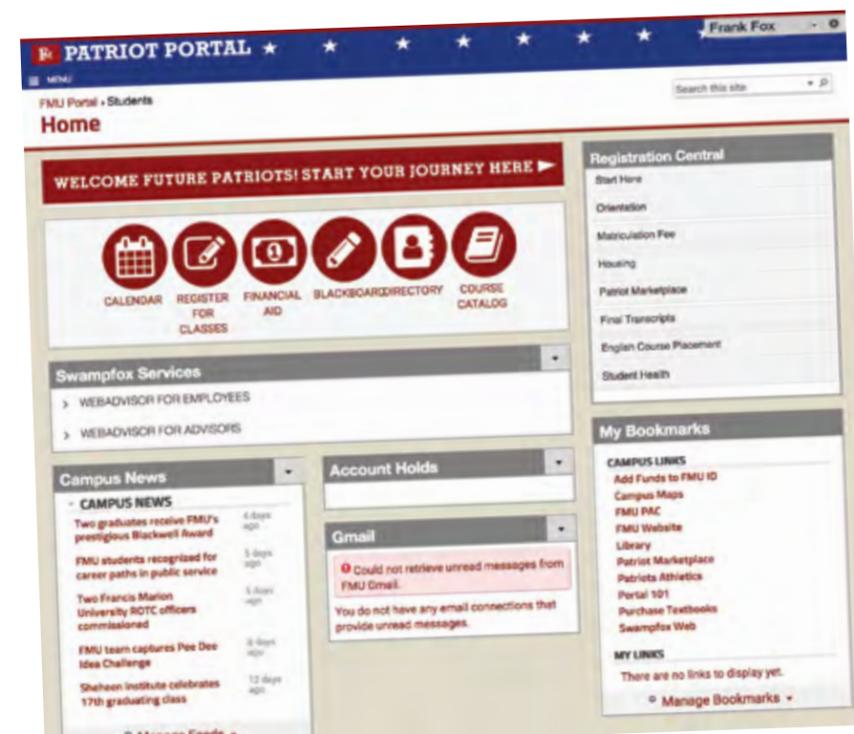
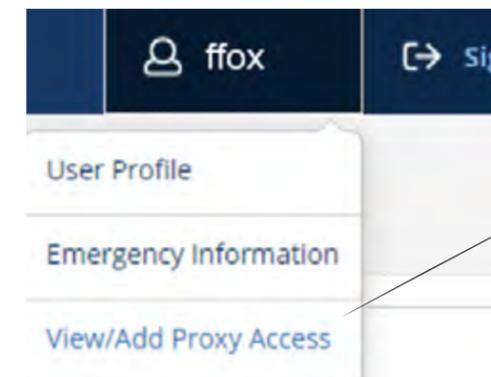
Students have the option to assign proxy within the Patriot Portal. The proxy acts as a designated individual with permission to view portal information, make changes, or perform university business transactions on behalf of the student. The user role of the proxy is defined by the student.

## Navigating Proxy

Enter Colleague Self-Service within the Patriot Portal – <https://colss-prod.ec.fmarion.edu/Student/>



1. Click on Profile Image located next to username
2. After clicking, a dropdown menu will appear.
3. Click "View/Add Proxy Access" from the dropdown menu



# HOW TO ADD A PROXY TO YOUR ACCOUNT

1. Under the Select a Proxy header, click on the dropdown box, and select “add another user”

**View/Add Proxy Access**

This page provides the ability to view existing proxy access that you've previously granted as well as add proxy access to additional people. Proxy access grants another person, such as a parent or guardian, the ability to view the information you approve.

**Active Proxies**

You do not have any designated proxies. Add one now to allow another self-service user to view or edit your account.

**Add a Proxy**

Please enter the information for the proxy that you wish to add.

Select a Proxy

Please Select

2. Enter the profile information for your proxy

**Add a Proxy**

Please enter the information for the proxy that you wish to add.

Select a Proxy

Please Select

Please Select

Add Another User

3. Define the access by choosing to allow “complete access” or “select access”

**Add a Proxy**

Please enter the information for the proxy that you wish to add.

Select a Proxy

Add Another User

First Name \* Middle Name Last Name \*

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Suffix Former Last Name Email Address \*

Please Select Former Last Name Email Address

Confirm Email Address \* Phone Birth Date \*

Email Address Phone MM/YYYY

Relationship \*

Please Select

4. If choosing “allow select access” activate the desired permissions by clicking the access statement for each functional area. A blue check mark will appear on selected statement.

**Access \***

Allow Complete Access

Allow Select Access

<input type="checkbox"/> Student Finance ⓘ	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid ⓘ
<input type="checkbox"/> Account Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Award Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Account Summary	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Make a Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> My Awards
	<input type="checkbox"/> FA Outside Awards
	<input type="checkbox"/> Required Documents
	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Academic Progress
	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Shopping Sheet
<input type="checkbox"/> General ⓘ	<input type="checkbox"/> Academics ⓘ
<input type="checkbox"/> Notifications	<input type="checkbox"/> Grades
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Information ⓘ	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Information	

5. To finalize the addition of the proxy user, respond to the Disclosure Agreement and click submit.

**Disclosure Agreement**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) secures the privacy of the educational records of an individual. The University may release information contained in the University Directory without the consent of the student, unless the student has notified the University in advance that such information is not to be released. But generally, information not contained in the Directory can only be released with the consent of the student. However, you may designate another person, called a proxy, who has permission to access parts of your educational record for purposes of convenience. This consent is necessary to comply with FERPA. By authorizing individuals to view your portal, the proxy will be able to view the information that you specified above.

By designating a proxy, you waive any rights under FERPA regarding these areas but maintain all other rights under the FERPA guidelines.

I authorize the institution to disclose my information to this party.

Cancel Submit

Students may add more than one proxy. Each proxy member needs to be added using the View/Add Proxy routine. Students may also edit active proxy details upon clicking on the proxy name.

# TAKE THE NEXT STEP

We work hard to make the application process simple. Here's a step-by-step guide that will put you on the path to becoming a Patriot in no time!

## FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Students applying directly to FMU as freshman (this includes students who anticipate some college credit for advanced level high school courses) should complete these steps:

**STEP 1:** Complete the Undergraduate Admissions Application at [fmarion.edu/admissions/applynow](http://fmarion.edu/admissions/applynow)

**STEP 2 -** Pay the Application Fee (\$41), online or by phone 843-661-1596 at the FMU Cashier's Office. The Cashier Office is open M-F 8:30am - 5pm, Summer: M-T 8:00am-5:15pm, Fridays from 8:30am-2pm.

**STEP 3 -** Send your official ACT or SAT score reports to FMU. Use these codes in the request:

**FMU - ACT CODE: 3856**

**FMU - SAT CODE: 5442**

**STEP 4 -** Submit your most recent official high school transcript electronically to [documents@fmarion.edu](mailto:documents@fmarion.edu)

Transcripts may be mailed as well.

FMU strives to make admission decisions as quickly as possible. Applicants can expect a decision within 15 days of completing their entire application package.

\*Paper applications are available upon request.

## TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Students considering transferring to FMU from a four-year college or a two-year college should follow these steps:

**STEP 1 -** Complete the Undergraduate Admissions Application at [fmarion.edu/admissions/applynow](http://fmarion.edu/admissions/applynow)

**STEP 2 -** Pay the Application Fee (\$41), online or by phone 843-661-1596 at the FMU Cashier's Office. The Cashier Office is open M-F 8:30am - 5pm, Summer: M-T 8:00am-5:15pm, Fridays from 8:30am-2pm.

**STEP 3 -** Submit official college transcripts from each higher education institution attended. Transcripts may be sent electronically to [documents@fmarion.edu](mailto:documents@fmarion.edu).

**STEP 4 -** Students with less than 22 hours of transferable credit...

- Send your official ACT and/or SAT score to FMU. Use these codes on the request:

**FMU-ACT CODE: 3856**

**FMU-SAT CODE: 5442**

- Submit a final official high school transcript to [documents@fmarion.edu](mailto:documents@fmarion.edu)

Technical College Transfer Students interested in transferring to FMU from a two-year, South Carolina Technical College are encouraged to view the South Carolina Technical College Transfer Guide at [sctrac.org](http://sctrac.org)

# CONTACT US!

## HAVE A QUESTION?

[admissions@fmarion.edu](mailto:admissions@fmarion.edu)  
[fmarion.edu/admissions](http://fmarion.edu/admissions)  
843-661-1231

## NEED TO SEND US A DOCUMENT?

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