

students, receive support and guidance regarding immigration documentation, curricular and optional practical training and general counseling. Additional information is available from the Student Affairs webpage or the Student Affairs Office at 843-661-1182.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student publications are under the jurisdiction of a student-faculty-staff Publications Board. No student publication may be distributed on campus through University distribution facilities without the approval of the Publications Board. Publications are supervised by a staff coordinator who directs the activities of student writers and assistants.

- **The Patriot** newspaper is published regularly for the students of Francis Marion University. Students are encouraged to become involved with The Patriot, which has a staff including student editors, writers, photographers, and managers. A member of the FMU faculty serves as the adviser to the student newspaper, which provides not only a record of campus news and events but also an excellent outlet for students seeking practical journalistic experience.
- **The Snow Island Review** is a campus literary journal featuring the work of FMU students and is published on a semester basis.

ATHLETICS

Because intercollegiate athletic programs are recognized as valuable assets in developing campus spirit, the University strives to build a balanced, competitive athletic program. Teams compete in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, men and women's track and field, and women's volleyball. All athletic teams are known as the Patriots and wear the colors red, white, and blue. The athletic website address is www.fmupatriots.com.

The University is affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), with two of its sports programs competing as Division I independents and the remaining 12 as Division II members. FMU is also a member of the Peach Belt Conference, competing in 12 intercollegiate conference sports. These affiliations permit student-athletes to receive regional and national recognition for their accomplishments. Several of the University's teams have advanced to NCAA post-season competition over the last several years. FMU has been represented by student-athletes in NCAA Division II Tournament competitions every year since moving to NCAA membership in 1992. This includes a pair of tennis (doubles) national titles and a men's golf national championship in 2003; 17 trips to the men's tennis tournament; 13 appearances in women's tennis; nine appearances in women's basketball; eight appearances in baseball; four appearances in men's golf; three appearances in women's volleyball; two appearances in women's soccer, men's soccer and softball; and one appearance in men's basketball. FMU has twice won the Commissioner's Cup of the Peach Belt Conference, indicative of having the best all-around program in the league. FMU also ranks among the conference leaders in the number of student-athletes named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll (3.0 grade point average or B average).

UNIVERSITY CHORAL PROGRAMS

The University Choral Program offers two choral performance groups: Concert Choir and Cut Time. Academic credit is given at the rate of one hour per semester. A total of three semester hours of credit may be applied toward graduation. Choral groups plan several off-campus performances as well as performances on campus for students, faculty, staff, and community. Additional information is available from the Director of the Choral Program.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENSEMBLES

FMU offers three instrumental music performance ensembles: Wind Symphony, Jazz Express, and Chamber Jazz Ensemble. These are open to all students with experience on wind or percussion instruments. Academic credit is given at the rate of one hour per semester for each ensemble. A total of three semester hours of credit may be applied toward graduation. Scholarships may be available (if funded) for participation in ensembles. Additional information about all ensembles is available from the Director of Instrumental Activities.

THE UNIVERSITY THEATRE

The University Theatre presents three or four major and several short experimental theatre productions involving approximately 150 students each year. Casts for the productions are selected by open acting auditions. Backstage work is done by student volunteers. Previous experience or training is not required to take part in the University Theatre, and all interested students are encouraged to participate.

ARTIST & LECTURE SERIES

Each year programs are presented for the University community by outstanding artists and respected lecturers from a variety of fields. Planning of these programs is assigned to the Artist and Lecture Series Subcommittee composed of students and faculty members. This committee and the University Programming Board provide a broad range of offerings during the student's University experience.

FILM SERIES

FMU offers film showings free to the public. The Artist and Lecture Series presents showings at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., usually on the second and third Tuesday of each month. The English Department presents showings at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., usually on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month. All films are shown in the Ashpy Lowrimore Auditorium in the John K. Cauthen Educational Media Center. Dates of film showings may vary. Please visit the University website for the most up-to-date information.

ART GALLERY SERIES

The Department of Fine Arts sponsors the Art Gallery Series, hosting varied shows of two- and three-dimensional works showcasing local and regional artists. Exhibits change regularly throughout the academic year. The mission of the art galleries program is to present exhibitions that support and enhance the academic goals of the visual arts program at FMU, providing a non-profit institutional setting in the service of society for educational purposes.

Art galleries are located in the Hyman Fine Arts Center. The Fine Arts Center Gallery features large cases along glass walls, allowing three-dimensional works to be displayed and viewed from the outdoor breezeway as well as inside the lobby adjacent to the Fine Arts Theatre and Adele Kassab Recital Hall. Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public during the University's normal operating hours. A calendar of art gallery exhibits can be found on the University website.

FMU HONOR CODE

Statement of Honor

Upon becoming a member of the Francis Marion University Community, students are expected to behave with honor and integrity in a manner that reflects the values of the institution. Students must interact in a civil manner, both in and out of the classroom, treating all persons and property with respect. Upon enrollment at Francis Marion University, students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. They also pledge not to violate the FMU Honor Code or any civil/criminal laws. Inasmuch as honor and