

# Academic Majors & Courses of Study at Francis Marion University

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

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

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

#### Pre-Med

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

## **Psychology**

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

## **Engineering** & Physics

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

**Industrial Engineers** study mathematics and business, and also benefit from being part of FMU's superb **Department of Physics** and Astronomy, where they are taught many of their foundational courses. FMU's Department of Physics has turned out a steady stream of highly qualified **Health Physicists** and Computational Physicists for years. These students move

into rewarding careers in medicine, nuclear power generation and industry, as well as into prestigious graduate programs.

### The Liberal Arts

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

# **Academic Majors and Courses of Study**

#### **School of Health Sciences**

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

#### **School of Education**

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

#### **School of Business**

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

#### College of Liberal Arts

African American Studies **Art History** Astronomy Biology **Broadcast Journalism** Ceramics Chemistry

Civil Engineering Technology **Computational Physics Criminal Justice** Design

**Electronic Engineering Technology** 

**English** 

**Environmental Science Environmental Studies** 

**Forest Resources** 

French **Gender Studies** Geography German **Health Physics** History

Industrial Engineering International Studies **Mass Communication** 

**Mathematics** Medical Technology

Music

Music Industry **Painting** 

Performance Pharmaceutical Studies Philosophy **Photography Physics Political Science** Pre-Dental Pre-Law Pre-Medical **Pre-Pharmacy Pre-Physical Therapy** 

**Print Journalism Professional Writing** Psychology

**Pre-Veterinary** 

**Public Relations Religious Studies** Sociology

**Spanish Sports Broadcasting** 

Theatre Arts **Visual Communication** 

Visual Arts

Master in Applied Psychology Master in Clinical Counseling Master in School Psychology

#### **Business**

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

#### Education

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

#### Fine Arts

FMU's long tradition in the arts moved to a new level several years ago with the opening of the FMU Performing Arts Center and the inception of FMU's Music Industry program. MI grads are often fine musicians with an eye on the (literal) bright lights that accompany that world. In the **Music Industry** program, they learn the ins and outs of the business – everything from composition to lighting to how to get along with your fellow band members – from professors who hiked that often rocky trail themselves.

# Francis Marion University Great place Great education

## It is a delicate balancing act.

How do you offer students a place where they are valued as individuals, where they receive one-on-one attention from professors who actually know their name, where they are part of a close-knit community of engaged learners...

... while at the same time presenting them with an array of options for meaningful careers?

lt's not easy and we walk that line carefully every day. But by and large we maintain our balance, which is one reason why Francis Marion is one of the most interesting universities in South Carolina. It's an intimate place where students feel at home. But, it's also a comprehensive public university that's zipping into the future on the backs of dynamic new programs.

It is **our time** and FMU really is quite **a place**.

# Maybe it's your place, too.

#### Want to learn more?

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# This is FMU

#### 'General' information

A university worthy of a legend.



Francis Marion University is named for Revolutionary War hero General Francis Marion, the famous "Swamp Fox." Marion's clever tactics kept the British on the run in coastal South Carolina and singlehandedly won the war that made America into a nation of its own . . . Okay, maybe a slight exaggeration, but the "General" was a great leader who

played a key role in the success of the Revolution. We're proud to share his name and his legacy of service.

### It's a nice place

Come Check it out.

FMU is located in the midst of a 468-acre forest, just east of Florence, S.C. It's a beautiful place where big trees wrap outdoor spaces in a blanket of shade and small ponds offer sanctuary to critters of all kinds, including the humans who live and study here. We think you'll like it. Most people do.

#### Invest wisely

College is a big investment. Our advice on that subject? Invest wisely.



Consider a university with a track record of sound fiscal management; one that focuses resources on the classroom and doesn't saddle future generations with excessive debt. Look for a school that is growing its academic programs faster than its tuition, and that has one of the lowest tuitions in South Carolina. Ask for specifics if you like. We do know a place just like that.

### Winning isn't everything

On the other hand, it is fun.

Francis Marion University fields 14 competitive, high-caliber teams in 9 different sports (seven each for men and women). We've won national championships in women's basketball and men's golf, and are always contenders in the Peach Belt Conference, where most of our teams play. Playing for the Patriots, rooting for the Patriots, agonizing with the Patriots – it's all part of a rich campus life.

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