



## ABBREVIATIONS:

- **SDRC - Student Disability Resource Center** - the resource on campus where your student can get help and accommodations if they have a disability.
- **SAC - Student Activities Center** - an office on campus dedicated to helping your student get involved and find information on specific student organizations.
- **NSFP - New Student & Family Programs** - where you or your student can get help during their first year and beyond. NSFP coordinations orientation, retention and family programming to assist in the transition to FSU.
- **DSA - Division of Student Affairs** - a variety of departments that provide co-curricular activities for students, typically outside of the classroom, to further student development.
- **DOS - Dean of Students Department** - the department on campus that serves students when they are unsure of where to go next, especially if students are in crisis.
- **CLSC - Center for Leadership and Social Change** - focuses on providing resources and opportunities for leadership education, identity development, and community engagement.
- **SGA - Student Government Association** - the governing body of students at Florida State University, providing students with a voice on campus and allocating funds for university programs and services.
- **IP - International Programs** - provides study abroad opportunities related to academic discipline or personal interest.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid** - an online application designed to determine eligibility for student financial aid. Help your student fill it out to help them get funding for their education.
- **RSO - Registered Student Organization** - the name of all student clubs/groups on campus. Students can get involved with over 700 religious, service, professional, cultural, Greek or governing organizations.
- **ACE - Academic Center for Excellence** - where your student can get help with additional tutoring or meet with a learning coach to help with time management or study techniques. Located in the William Johnston Building, students can also rent study rooms in this location.
- **SRR - Student Rights & Responsibilities** - educates students on the Student Conduct Code, community behavioral standards, and the rights and responsibilities of the FSU community.
- **SAA - Student Alumni Association** - An organization that connects current students with FSU alumni.
- **OFSL - Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life** - oversees social fraternities and sororities, which are values-based organizations focused on promoting leadership, scholarship, brotherhood/sisterhood and service.
- **ASLC - Askew Student Life Cinema** - the student life center, which features an on-campus movie theatre, a coffee shop, cyber cafe, and video/board games. University Housing and the Counseling Center are located here.
- **FSUPD - Florida State Police Department** - a force of 67 sworn, fully accredited officers charged with keeping campus safe. They operate 24/7 throughout the year. FSUPD is located on the corner of Woodward and Jefferson.
- **BSU - Black Student Union** - a Student Government Agency that offers black students a form of identity, belonging and a social life on campus.

- **HLSU - Hispanic Latino Student Union** - a Student Government Agency dedicated to unifying, informing, and serving the Hispanic/Latino community on campus.
- **RA - Resident Assistant** - A current FSU student that lives and works within the residence hall. RAs coordinate activities, inform students about university norms and expectations, serve as a resource for students, and help build a community atmosphere, while enforcing community standards and university policies.
- **UCA - University Center A** - home to the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Dean of Students Department, International Programs, Admissions, etc.
- **UCB - University Center B** - home to the Visitors Center. Potential students can schedule a tour of campus here to learn more about the university.
- **UCC - University Center C** - home to the FSU Testing Center, as well as the College of Social Work.
- **UCD - University Center D** - home to the Moore Athletic Center, the Figg Dining Hall, and Seminole Productions.
- **SSB - Student Services Building** - home to the Student Disability Resource Center and reservable meeting space on campus.
- **VAP - Victim Advocate Program** - provides services and support for students who have been a victim of a crime. They are confidential sources.
- **CARE - Center for Academic Retention & Enhancement** - operates to provide equity and access to traditionally underrepresented students disadvantaged by virtue of educational and socioeconomic reasons.
- **LLC - Living Learning Community** - a small group of students who live together, share an interest, and take one or two of their classes together — usually in a small classroom inside their residence hall.
- **FIG - Freshman Interest Group** - A FIG is a pre-packaged cluster of high-demand freshman courses that have been linked by a theme or academic program.
- **OL - Orientation Leader** - a leader on campus who serves as a mentor to incoming students throughout Orientation and beyond.
- **FTIC - First Time in College** - refers to an incoming student who has not attended college (a freshman).
- **LDT - Lower Division Transfer** - a student who is transferring from another institution with fewer than 60 credit hours completed.
- **UDT - Upper Division Transfer** - a student who is transferring from another institution and has 60 or more hours completed.
- **CHAW - Center for Health Advocacy & Wellness** - an area on campus educating students on healthy lifestyle decisions to facilitate academic success and lead to life-long health and wellness.
- **IRHC - Inter-Residence Hall Council** - a bureau of the Student Government Association and an affiliate of University Housing that establishes and governs Hall Councils and coordinates programs and activities for the enhancement of student life on-campus.

## **TERMINOLOGY:**

- **Student Central** - a web-based student information system where students can register for classes, pay their tuition, and access information from Admissions, Financial Aid, etc.
- **Strozier/Stroz/Club Stroz** - the main library on campus. Strozier Library gets the nickname "Club Stroz" during finals because students spend all night there studying. Study rooms are located inside for students to rent.
- **Seminole Cafe/Seminole Test Kitchen** - a dining hall located on the west side of campus. **Suwannee Room** - a dining hall located on the east side of campus.
- **Sodexo** - the food service provider for FSU.
- **FSU Cash** - a form of payment for on-campus services such as laundry, printing, copying, etc. FSU Cash is loaded onto the FSUcard with dollar-for-dollar value.

- **Flex Buck\$** - campus dining dollars (dollar-for-dollar) that are included with most meal plans that can be used at any dining location. FlexBuck\$ will only carry forward to the next semester in which a new dining membership is purchased.
- **GarnetBucks** - are campus dining dollars (dollar-for-dollar) that are available for purchase, separately from or in addition to a meal plan that can be used at any dining location. GarnetBucks will not expire until graduation, and are non-refundable.
- **MyFSU** - the online "portal" for all student resources. The myFSU portal connects students to Blackboard, their myFSU e-mail account, student financials, academic resources, health resources, campus life, etc.
- **Excess Credit** - a law that requires universities to add a surcharge to every credit hour taken in excess of the total number of credit hours required to complete the pursued degree.
- **Canvas** - a virtual learning environment and course management system used by students at FSU.
- **Case Manager** - works with individuals to provide emotional support, counseling, advocacy, and to identify immediate needs, making appropriate referrals to campus and community resources.
- **Family Connection** - an organization on campus committed to keeping FSU family members in the loop with on- campus events and resources.
- **FERPA** - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act - a federal law that protects the privacy of students' educational records by guarding against the release of their records without their consent.
- **Drop/Add** - a period of time during the first four days of classes where students can adjust their class schedule by adding or dropping classes. Students are financially liable for all courses appearing on their schedule after the fourth day of classes.
- **The Leach** - FSU's largest campus recreation facility. Students will find cardio and strength equipment, an indoor track and courts, as well as a pool and spa inside the Leach.
- **The Rez**- an outdoor recreation area free to FSU students including kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, etc.
- **Seminole Express** - a free bus and paratransit system that serves FSU students, faculty, staff.
- **Nite Nole** - an evening bus route that runs throughout campus and the surrounding Tallahassee area Tuesday- Sunday from 7:00 pm - 3:00 am.
- **Work Study** - the Federal Work Study program allows students that show financial need to work on campus to assist with paying educational expenses.
- **Take15** - a University-wide campaign encouraging students to take 15 or more credit hours each semester. Research supports that students who take a 15-hour course load in their freshman year become more fully engaged in their academic life and have better outcomes.
- **Engage 100** - an initiative on campus encouraging 100% of students to be engaged both inside and outside of the classroom.
- **SeminoleSAFE/FSU Alert** - FSU's emergency notification system that sends out alerts whenever hazardous conditions arise on campus. Students can designate through their MyFSU accounts how they want to be notified.
- **FSView** - Florida State's student-run school newspaper. FSView keeps students updated on events that are occurring on campus, as well as the surrounding area.
- **Responsible Freedom** - acknowledges that you have the right to justice and public order as well as the responsibility to protect the rights and privileges of fellow community members at the University.
- **University Center** - Also considered the football stadium, the University Center is broken up into four sections (A, B, C, D), housing different departments and organizations.
- **Night Staff** - students who are responsible for maintaining safety and security in the residence halls between the hours of 11:00 pm - 7:00 am. They address safety and security concerns, as well as policy issues, and assist hall staff in times of emergency.
- **Landis Green** - the large green space in front of Landis Hall.

- **Assistant Coordinators/Hall Directors** - full-time graduate students pursuing academic work who also live and work in the residence halls. These graduate students assist the Residence Coordinator in all areas of hall management, community development, student group advising, and staff supervision.
- **Residence Coordinators** - a full-time, professional live-in staff member responsible for the overall operations in the hall or complex.
- **Food for Thought Food Pantry** - a food pantry located in the Dean of Students Department, providing food for students in need.
- **Chart Your Course** - a first year seminar course, SLS 2206, that helps incoming students transition to life in college. Topics include time management, getting involved, academic success, setting goals and more. With the assistance of a Peer Navigator, a current undergraduate, students have the opportunity to learn and excel both inside and outside of the classroom.
- **Ask a 'Nole** - a program designed to help students navigate their way on campus the first two days of classes.
- **Seminole Sensation Week** - a series of events during the first two weeks of classes in the Fall semester to help students get acclimated to FSU.
- **Seminole Creed** - a group of eight tenets or guiding principles FSU students should live by-- truthfulness, respect, excellence, freedom of speech and inquiry, diversity, justice, citizenship, and discovery.

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