

First Steps with the University
**EMPOWERING STUDENTS
AND PARENTS:
A Guide for Success**

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Day Overview

Families

- Empowering Students and Families
- Campus Tour
- Financial Aid / Cashier
- Lunch
- Student Health Services

Students

- Placement Test
- Advisement and Registration
- Campus / Residence Hall Tour
- Lunch
- Student Health Services

Presentation Overview

- Academic Success
- Your Student's Health
 - Health and Personal Safety
 - Communication and Support
- Paying for College
 - Costs
 - Financial Aid

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Academic Matters

- University College – the academic unit that assists student in the first year
 - Advisement
 - Support
 - Enrichment
- University College will advise students today

General Information— Selecting Courses

Full-time students take between 12 and 18 hours of coursework (4-7 classes)

All first-time students take

- English (3 or 4 hours)
- Math (3 hours)
- Freshman seminar (1 hour)
- Critical Thinking (3 hours)
- PE or Health (1 or 2 hours)
- Humanities, History, Social Science, or Foreign Language (6 hours)

Measures of Success

- **Credit hour**
 - Courses are worth 1-4 credit hours (most are 3 credit hours)
 - 120-128 credit hours required to earn a degree (depending on program)
- **Grade Point Average (GPA)** – a number between 0 – 4 that provides overall assessment of student's status.
 - GPA of 4.0 is = all A's; GPA of 0.0 = all F's.
 - A GPA of at least **2.0 (C)** is required to earn a degree and to remain in Good Academic Standing.
 - Probation: 1st semester below 2.0 (credit hours limited)
 - Suspension: 2nd semester below 2.0 (cannot register for next semester)
- **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**--ratio of earned to attempted hours.
 - Students must earn 67% of attempted hours each year to remain eligible for financial aid

Achieving Academic Success

- **Advisement:** Take appropriate classes and course load
- Get textbooks and other course materials!
 - Rental system covers most textbooks
 - Books less than \$50 not covered
 - Course software not covered: e.g., MyMathLab
- Attend class
- Complete assignments
- Communicate with instructor
- Use **academic support**
- Take advantage of **academic enrichment**

Academic Support

- Placement
 - Some courses have built-in labs
- Learning Center
 - Writing
 - Math
- Supplemental Instruction

Academic Enrichment

- Chancellor's Reading Club
 - Summer reading program
 - Barack Obama, *Dreams from My Father* (available at FSU Bookstore)
- Learning Communities
 - Groups of courses related by theme
 - Courses reinforce and support each other
 - All first-year students placed in a community

Early Alert

- **Interim Grades:** unofficial grades entered during weeks 2-10 of semester
 - Attendance: X—No-show; EA—Excessive Absence
 - Performance: D, F
- **Early Alert:** E-mail message sent when Interim Grade received
 - Students
 - Advisors
 - **Families:** If Permission Form signed
- **Midterm:** ALL undergraduate students should receive a midterm grade

Repairing a GPA

- **Withdrawal**
 - Does not affect GPA
 - May affect SAP
 - Limited: 5 Withdrawals allowed
 - Exception: Withdrawal from the University
- **Course Repeat**
 - Original grade not counted
 - Limited: 5 Course Repeats
- **Extension Grade:** Academic Support + Repeat

YOUR STUDENT'S HEALTH

Health and Personal Safety

- **GROUP/INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**
- **LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST**
- **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**
- **ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SEEK ASSISTANCE**
- **MENTION SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS**
- **INSURE APPROPRIATELY**

Health and Personal Safety

- COPING WITH STRESS AND DEPRESSION
- HEALTHY EATING – EATING DISORDERS
- SLEEP AND EXERCISE
- RELATIONSHIPS
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- CAMPUS SAFETY

Helping Students Help themselves

- The 21 Day test (transition time)
- Independence over Interference
- Involvement over Isolation
- Navigating the Campus Resource Network

Keeping the Connection

- Parental Presence
- Involvement opportunities
- Information resources
- Family Association and E-mail List

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Costs and Payment Deadlines

Charges for 2008-09; costs may change for 2009-10

- **North Carolina Residents:**
 - Non-Boarding : \$1,711 semester/\$3,422 yr
 - Boarding: \$4,146 semester/ \$8,292 yr
 - **Non North Carolina Residents:**
 - Non-Boarding: \$6,802 semester / \$13,604 yr
 - Boarding: \$9,237 semester/ \$18,474 year
- Please review your student account online to ensure that your tuition and fees have been properly assessed.
- **Deadline: Monday, August 3, 5:00 p.m.**

Billing

Charges

Tuition

Fees

Insurance fee

Room

Meal Plan

Payments

Financial aid:

- Grants
- Scholarship
- Work-study
- Loans

If the total amount of financial aid exceeds the charges, student will receive refund. If the total amount of financial aid is less than charge, the student will owe a payment.

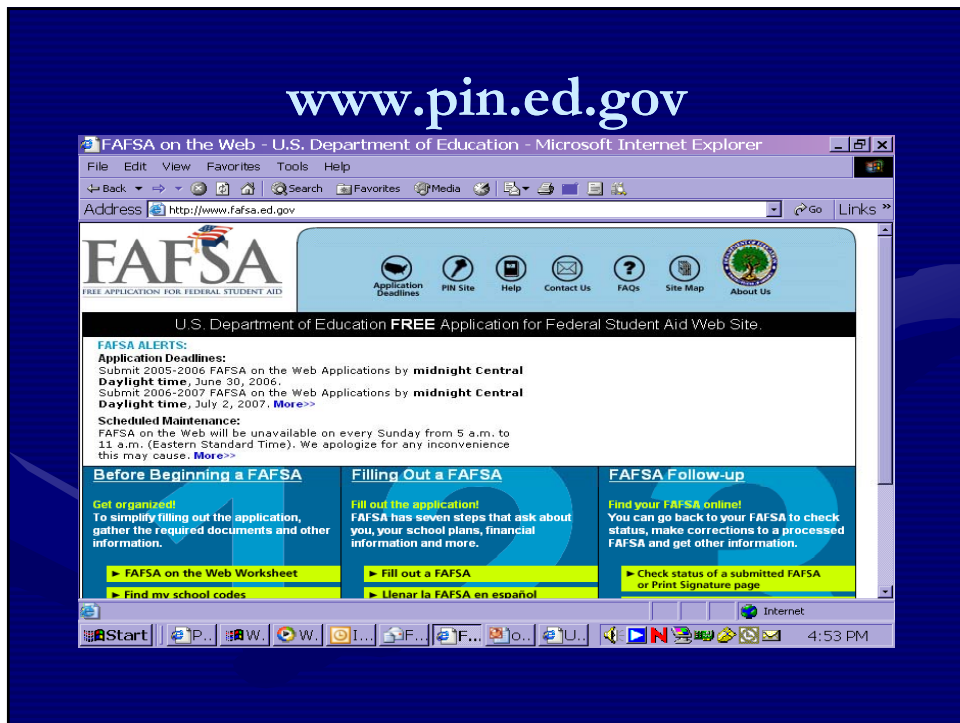
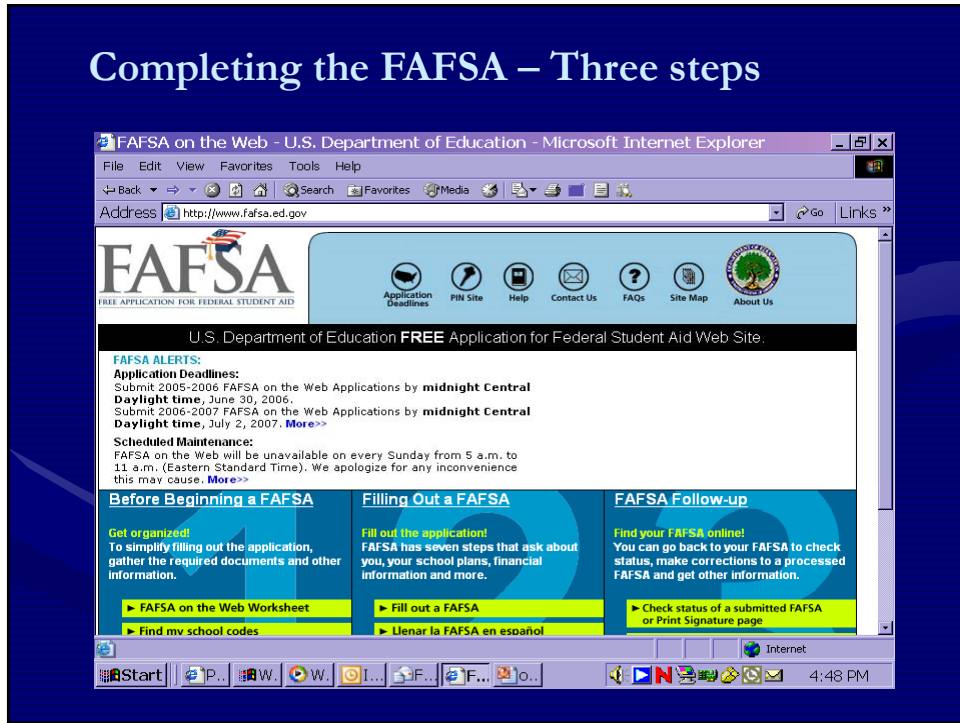
Payment Plan: TMS

- Tuition Management System (TMS): No-interest monthly payment plan; Fee of \$47/semester or \$65/year.
- If your financial aid is pending we encourage you to sign up with TMS. Holds will be placed on accounts after the last day of registration that have a balance. Any payment made to TMS prior to financial aid paying your account in full will be given back to student as a refund.
- Students who are unable to meet their financial obligations by the bill-payment deadline will be required to enroll in TMS.
- Important: If you have not enrolled in TMS by the last day of registration and your student account has a balance the university will automatically enroll your account in TMS. The \$47 fee will be charged to your account.

Payment Methods

- FSU accepts cash, cashier's check, money order and MasterCard/VISA payments
- You may visit the Cashier's Office, remit by mail, or pay online. Please do not remit cash by mail.
- Third-party agency authorizations/student accounts representative Kristen Aube can be contacted at (910) 672-1035 for third party billing inquiries
- Monthly payment plan -Tuition Management System (TMS)
- Financial Aid – scholarships, grants and loans

Completing the FAFSA – Three steps



Adding our school code

- One of the final steps when filling out your FAFSA is adding the school code. It is the only way for the school to receive the information you have submitted.
- Fayetteville State University's school code is:

002928



For the 2009-2010 school year, you will need financial information from 2008, including:

- Social Security Number
- Driver's license (if any)
- 2008 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- Student's (yours and your spouse's, if you are married) 2008 Federal Income Tax Return - IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, foreign tax return, or tax return for Puerto Rico or U.S. territories
- Parents' 2008 Federal Income Tax Return (if student is a dependent)
- 2008 untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- Most recent bank statements
- Most recent business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Alien registration number or permanent residence card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

Verification

- A number of FAFSA forms are randomly selected for verification.
- If your form is selected, you will be required to submit various documents, such as income tax forms, before your aid is awarded. (This is a federal regulation.)

Federal Student Aid Programs: Grants and Work-Study

- Your financial aid package may include grant and/or work-study funds from the federal student aid programs. These programs are administered according to guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- Federal Work Study
- Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
- National SMART Grant



Federal Aid Loan Programs

- You may also be offered federal student loans to help pay your educational expenses. These loan programs are administered according to guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Federal Stafford Loans
- Federal PLUS Loans
- Perkins Loans



Please remember

- Student must file the FAFSA each year.
- March 1 – priority deadline
- (Students are permitted to file later, but may lose out on some possible aid.)
- Satisfactory Academic Progress required for continued aid.

Review Worksheet – Visit Offices

- Please review sample bill in handout
- Please add in possible financial aid
- A Financial Aid counselor will give you an estimate of your financial aid award for the 2009-10 academic year.
- The Cashier's Office will be open until @ 1:00 pm. You can ask Cashier questions about billing or the Tuition Management system.
- Be sure to note your contact person in Financial Aid and the Business Office (on second page)