



EPLS Graduate Guide - Fall 2009

This document is a guide to the new graduate student at Florida State University. It is by no means all-inclusive. Your best, most valuable resources will be your colleagues and professors.

Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FSU Admissions Page: There may be a few things on this page that can still be helpful although you have likely already been through the admissions process.
Class Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for Classes: Here you can register for classes, consult the registration guide, or read the university bulletin. As your advisor about what classes are recommended in your first semester. Remember, you must attend the first day of classes!
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FSU Email: This will be your FSU email address, which you can choose to have forwarded to your permanent email account. <input type="checkbox"/> Computing: In addition to emailing, you'll need to know many other things, especially how to use BlackBoard.
Getting Settled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Checklist: This is a webpage with printable pdf available. <input type="checkbox"/> FSYou: Another wealth of knowledge and resources is available with FSYou.
Health Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Information: See for information on FSU required insurance. <p>Note: GA's, RA's, TA's, University and Presidential fellows wishing to take advantage of the graduate subsidy to pay for all or part of their insurance premium must purchase the University-sponsored health insurance plan ONLINE. At the end of drop/add the appropriate subsidy will be applied to your student account through financial aid. Awards will be made according to the graduate studies guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Jones at 644-3718 or bkj06@admin.fsu.edu.</p>
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Housing: See what FSU has to offer in terms of housing. Feel free to ask your new colleagues for advice as well. <input type="checkbox"/> Off-campus Housing: Since space gets tight around campus, FSU promotes off-campus housing opportunities.
Identification Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fsu ID Card: This is your identification, your access card if you work on campus, and a way to carry around cash.

International Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> International Center: Our department prides itself on being diverse. Hopefully, you'll feel even more at home by connecting with resources specific to international students.
Money Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FSU Financial Aid: In addition to financial aid, you may want to begin to look for assistantships and employment opportunities within the university. Ask your program what they allow you to do while you're a student. <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition and Fee Payments: Check the Academic Calendar to find out when tuition is due.
Non-Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tallahassee Visitor's Guide: See what Tallahassee has to offer besides classes. <input type="checkbox"/> Leon County Visitor's Guide: Tallahassee is part of Leon County. Ask your colleagues for places to visit in the county. <input type="checkbox"/> General Tallahassee Information: Find out what's going on in Tallahassee. <input type="checkbox"/> Florida: Why not see the Sunshine State while you're in the area.
Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FSU Campus-wide Orientation: This is a university orientation; ours is a department orientation. We recommend that you attend both, to learn how to get started at FSU and how to get started in our department and in your specific program.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Permits: Car, Motorcycle, or Scooter.... get a permit or else you'll be ticketed. Also make sure you park in the correct color-coded spot (white for students, green for visitors, and red for faculty). Ask your colleagues where and how long it takes them to park.
Residency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Residency: To establish Florida residency for tuition purposes, see the link to guidelines set forth by the Florida Senate. Note that that having Florida residency for the purpose of tuition is different than having Florida legal residence.
Textbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FSU's Bookstore: online and on campus <input type="checkbox"/> Bill's Bookstore: online and near fsu <input type="checkbox"/> Various online vendors: often cheapest, but you must order early.