



SPANISH GRADUATE PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES – FIU

Graduate Student Handbook: 2025-2026

**Florida International University
Green School**

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Welcome to the Department of Modern Languages!

Welcome to Florida International University's graduate programs in Spanish. Whether you are pursuing the **Master of Arts (MA)** or the **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**, we are delighted to have you join us.

This handbook is designed to serve as a comprehensive guide and resource throughout your graduate studies. It will help you navigate the Department of Modern Languages, the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, and the University Graduate School.

We encourage you to read the handbook carefully, familiarize yourself with its contents, and return to it as questions arise. It includes essential information on academic requirements, policies, resources, and key contacts that will support your progress from admission to graduation.

If you have questions about any of the information provided, or about the program more generally, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Graduate Program Director for the 2025–2026 academic year:

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GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Graduate Program in Spanish at Florida International University offers an innovative curriculum that integrates the study of Hispanic literature, culture, and linguistics with strong foundations in literary theory, teaching, and research methodology. Our programs—**Master of Arts (MA)** and **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**—are designed to prepare students for careers as scholars, educators, and professionals in a variety of academic and cultural fields.

As a community of active scholars, we are committed to fostering intellectual growth and interdisciplinary exchange within a diverse and multicultural environment. Coursework reflects the breadth of faculty expertise and student interests, ranging from traditional philology and stylistics to cultural studies, post-structuralism, new historicism, feminist theory, and beyond.

Our faculty and graduate students maintain a vibrant research culture, with frequent participation in conferences, symposia, and publications. In addition, graduate students receive financial support to present their work at national and international conferences.

The program maintains strong ties with the **Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC)**, a university-wide hub that promotes advanced education and research on Latin America and the Caribbean. Through this collaboration, students can access additional resources, publications, and events that enrich their academic experience.

Professional development is central to our mission. Graduate Teaching Assistants participate in a comprehensive training program that prepares them to teach undergraduate courses effectively. As they progress, they may be assigned to higher-level courses, gaining valuable classroom experience. The department also sponsors annual seminars and workshops on pedagogy, publishing, conference participation, and other aspects of academic and professional life.

The MA program emphasizes advanced training in literature, culture, and linguistics. It prepares students for professional development, comprehensive examinations, and either a thesis or research project.

The PhD program builds on this foundation, requiring qualifying exams, advanced coursework, and the completion and defense of an original dissertation that makes a significant scholarly contribution to the field.

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Ph.D. IN SPANISH

The Department of Modern Languages offers a rigorous and comprehensive Ph.D. program in Spanish, designed to prepare students to become accomplished scholars and teachers, primarily in institutions of higher learning.

Ph.D. students complete advanced coursework in literature, culture, and linguistics, culminating in qualifying examinations and the successful defense of a doctoral dissertation that makes an original scholarly contribution to the field.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with all program requirements and guidelines early in their graduate career. This handbook provides essential information about degree milestones, departmental policies, and University Graduate School (UGS) regulations. It also outlines procedures for admission to candidacy and advancement toward the dissertation stage.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the Ph.D. program in Spanish, applicants must meet the following requirements:

Academic Background

Hold a bachelor's degree in Spanish from an accredited institution. In special cases, applicants with degrees in related fields may be considered and evaluated individually by the department.

Language Proficiency

Demonstrate native or near-native proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding Spanish, as well as strong proficiency in English.

Applicants from non-English-speaking countries, including internationally educated American students, must submit proof of English proficiency. FIU only accepts official test scores or documentation sent directly from the testing agency (University Code: 5206).

- Minimum scores:
- TOEFL: 80 iBT / 550 PBT
- IELTS: 6.5
- Duolingo English Test: 110

Grade Point Average (GPA)

Undergraduate applicants: minimum 3.0 GPA ("B" average) during the last two years of undergraduate study, as determined by the FIU Graduate Admissions Office.

Applicants with a completed Master's degree: minimum 3.5 GPA in all graduate coursework.

Application Materials

Submit the online graduate admission application and provide the following supporting documents:

- Two letters of recommendation (from professors, employers, or other relevant professionals)
- Curriculum vitae or résumé
- Statement of purpose (in English), outlining academic goals and objectives for pursuing the Ph.D. in Spanish
- Writing sample in Spanish (preferably a term paper or thesis of analytical nature on a literary subject)

Departmental Review

Receive approval from the departmental Graduate Admissions Committee.

Note: Admission to the Ph.D. program is competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

APPLICATION

Applicants should visit FIU Graduate Admissions and follow the Steps to Apply guidelines (<https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/applications/index.html>).

Application Materials:

Applicants to the Ph.D. in Spanish must submit the following:

- **Two letters of recommendation** from former professors, employers, or other relevant professionals
- **Curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé**
- **Statement of purpose** in English, outlining the candidate's academic goals and objectives in pursuing a doctorate in Spanish
- **Writing sample** in Spanish (minimum 15 pages, not including bibliography), preferably a term paper or thesis of analytical nature on a literary subject. The paper must:
 - Follow **MLA style**
 - Present an **original argument** supported by textual analysis
- **Official transcripts** from all institutions attended
- **Online graduate application** and payment of the **\$30 application fee**

All application materials must be submitted through the **FIU Graduate Admissions online application portal**. Applicants are encouraged to review the **Graduate Admission Checklist** before applying.

Deadlines

*Admission for the PhD is done only for the **Fall term**,*

- December 15 – Application deadline for applicants seeking assistantships
- February 15 – Final deadline for all Ph.D. application materials

Transfer Credits:

Students admitted into the doctoral program with a relevant M.A. in Spanish or Hispanic Studies from another institution may be eligible to transfer up to **36 graduate credits** toward the Ph.D. degree. All transfer credits are subject to evaluation and approval by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Students who enter with an M.A. and have approved transfer credits will follow the same track as the rest of their cohort through the **fourth term**. After completing the required, they will proceed to the preparation of the **preliminary qualifying examinations**.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact the **Office of Graduate Admissions** at gradadm@fiu.edu, which assists prospective students with all aspects of submitting and processing applications. Once you begin your application, you will be assigned an **FIU Panther ID**. It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor this account and ensure that all required materials are uploaded to the system.

Please note that the **Department of Modern Languages does not process admissions materials**. Applicants must contact Graduate Admissions directly to inquire about the status of their application. Files are referred to the department for review only after all required materials have been received and processed by the Admissions Office.

No action will be taken on incomplete files. An application is considered incomplete if any

DOCTORAL CURRICULUM AND COURSEWORK

Core Courses (9 credits)

All core courses must be taken as graduate-level courses offered by the university and may not be taken as independent studies.

Complete all of the following:

- FOL 5800 – Foreign Language Teaching Methodology
- SPW 5806 – Methods of Literary Research
- SPW 6825 – Literary Theory and Criticism

Distribution Requirement (15 credits)

All students must take one course in each of the following areas:

- Medieval or Golden Age Peninsular Spanish Literature
- Peninsular Spanish Literature of the 18th–21st centuries
- Colonial/19th-century Spanish American Literature
- 20th-century Spanish American Literature
- One additional course in Spanish American Literature

Electives (33 credits)

Students may select graduate courses in Hispanic literature, linguistics, culture, and translation/interpretation. Courses outside the department may be taken with prior approval from the Graduate Program Director (GPD) and the dissertation advisor.

Dissertation (18 credits)

Students must complete 18 dissertation credits (SPN 7980). Enrollment in dissertation credits requires admission to candidacy.

Independent Studies

Students may register for a 3-credit independent study with the approval of a faculty mentor and the GPD. Independent studies are intended for specialized research in areas not covered by regular course offerings and are not a substitute for regularly taught courses.

Second Language Requirement

Before admission to candidacy, students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of a language other than Spanish and English, selected in consultation with the GPD.

Acceptable options include German, Latin, Haitian Creole, or another Romance language.

This requirement may be satisfied by:

- Passing a departmental reading examination, or
- Successfully completing a second-semester (or higher) university-level course in the chosen language with a grade of “B” or better.

Completion of a language requirement at another institution **does not exempt** students from meeting the FIU requirement.

Computer Literacy Requirement

Computer literacy is required for graduation. Basic research technology skills are introduced in SPW 5806 – Methods of Literary Research. Students are also encouraged to participate in workshops offered through FIU’s Division of Information Technology.

Official Catalog Link

For the most up-to-date degree requirements, please visit the FIU Catalog:

[PhD in Spanish – FIU Graduate Catalog](#)

Administrative Procedures

You should make a habit of keeping in contact with the Graduate Program Director and your Mentor regarding your progress through the program. It is particularly important that you communicate with them about your plans at the following stages so that they can assist you with the appropriate paperwork:

- Formation of your Dissertation Committee
- Formation of your Qualifying Examinations Committee
- Completion of graduate D forms
- Oral defense logistics
- Changes in Dissertation Committee
- Plans to be part of the FIU/UM exchange program
- Plans to go on leave

DOCTORAL FORMS AND DEADLINES

Forms are always due to the Department of Modern Languages two weeks before the UGS deadline.

- **Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Form**
 - Must be completed every April by all PhD students.
- **University Graduate School (UGS) Milestone Forms**

UGS requires several forms throughout the doctoral program (milestone forms).

 - Since **Spring 2022**, all milestone forms—**except the D-1R (Appointment of Revised Dissertation Committee)**—are submitted electronically by students.
 - Instructions: [UGS Dissertation Milestones Instructions](#)
- **D-1R (Appointment of Revised Dissertation Committee)**
 - This is the only form that must still be completed as a PDF.
 - The most recent version of the form is here: [Revised Dissertation Committee Instructions and Form \(PDF\)](#)
- **Submission and Routing**

All milestone forms (except the D-1R) are automatically routed to the Graduate Program Director, the Dean's Office, and UGS.

 - The **D-1R requires student action**:
 - Obtain signatures from your Dissertation Chair, committee members, and the Graduate Program Director.
 - The Graduate Program Director will send the signed form to the College for the Dean's signature.
 - Students may use [FIU DocuSign](#) to collect required signatures.

DOCTORAL MILESTONE FORMS

All milestone forms must be submitted by the student via my.fiu.edu. Please see the [quick instructions link](#).

Important: The Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs requires that all forms needing Dean's approval be submitted **at least one week before the University Graduate School (UGS) deadlines**. Students should plan accordingly.

Appointment of Dissertation Committee (former D-1)

- Establishes the student's dissertation committee.
- Must be completed by the **fourth semester of coursework** and submitted the semester prior to the candidacy exam.

Form D-1R – Appointment of Revised Dissertation Committee

- Required only if there is a change in the dissertation chair or committee composition.
- This is the **only form that remains a PDF** and must be completed and submitted via DocuSign.
Form: Revised Dissertation Committee Instructions and Form (PDF)
- Submit to the Green School **one week before the UGS deadline**.

Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy (former D-2)

- Officially records all coursework in the doctoral program (including transfer credits and non-degree coursework).
- Certifies advancement to candidacy.
 - Part 1: Course listing.
 - Part 2: Certification of comprehensive exam results.
- Submit to the Green School **one week before the UGS deadline**.

Doctoral Dissertation Proposal (former D-3)

- Certifies that the Dissertation Chair (Major Professor) and committee have approved the dissertation proposal.
- Per UGS policy, this form must be submitted **at least 3 semesters before the anticipated graduation**.
- Deadlines: [UGS Deadlines](#)
- Submit to the Green School **one week before the UGS deadline**.

Preliminary Approval of Dissertation and Request for Oral Defense (former D-5)

- Confirms that each committee member has read the dissertation and finds it provisionally acceptable.
- Students must submit a **draft of the dissertation** to the committee (with the Graduate Program Director cc'd) at least **8 weeks before the scheduled defense**.

- Following committee approval, the form must be submitted via my.fiu.edu. Submit to the Green School **one week before the UGS deadline**.

Final ETD Approval Form – Approval of Defense, Dissertation, and Electronic Submission

- Certifies that:
 - The dissertation has been reviewed and approved by the committee.
 - The final oral defense was successful.
 - All required revisions and formatting changes per UGS have been completed.
- Includes information about publishing and embargo options.
- Form: [Final Electronic Thesis/Dissertation Approval Form \(PDF\)](#)
Submit to the Green School **one week before the UGS deadline**.

DISSERTATION CHAIR AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

As soon as a student identifies a proposed area of research, the next step is to select a Dissertation Chair, also referred to as the Major Professor. The Chair must be an appointed member of the FIU Graduate Faculty, and the decision is always based on mutual agreement between the student and the faculty member. This choice should be guided by the fit between the student's research interests and the faculty member's expertise and scholarly trajectory.

The Dissertation Chair is responsible for supervising the project as a whole, though they do not need to be the primary resource for every aspect of the study. For this reason, students are encouraged to learn about faculty members' research areas and ongoing projects before approaching a potential Chair. Because the relationship between student and Chair often involves close and sustained collaboration over several years, thoughtful selection is essential.

Once a Chair has been confirmed, the student will work with them to form a Dissertation Committee. The committee must comply with FIU Graduate Faculty guidelines regarding size and composition and typically includes faculty whose expertise complements different dimensions of the dissertation. The committee, together with the Chair, will guide the student through candidacy exams, the proposal stage, and the dissertation itself.

Dissertation Chair and Committee

Dissertation Chair

Once a student identifies a research area, they must select a Dissertation Chair (Major Professor), who must be a member of the FIU Graduate Faculty. The Chair is chosen by mutual agreement between student and faculty, based on alignment of expertise and scholarly interests. Because this relationship involves close collaboration over several years, thoughtful selection is essential.

The Chair is responsible for guiding the student through the dissertation process, supervising research, providing timely feedback on written work, and supporting professional development. They also advise on research ethics, ensure evaluations are fair and objective, and help students prepare for academic and professional opportunities.

Dissertation Committee

In consultation with the Chair, the student selects a committee of **at least four members**, including the Chair. At least **two members must be from the Department of Modern Languages** and **one from another FIU department**. All FIU faculty members must hold Graduate Faculty status, and all appointments require approval by the Dean of the University Graduate School.

Students must submit a short description of each member's expertise and expected contributions (no more than two pages). If a member is not FIU faculty, the student must also submit a CV and a signed [Non-FIU Commitment Form](#).

Committee Role

The committee assists in shaping and supervising the dissertation, ensuring high academic quality, and administering the oral defense. While the Chair provides overall supervision, the committee brings complementary expertise to support the student's progress.

Changes in Membership

Any changes to the Chair or committee must be approved by the outgoing and incoming Chairs, the Graduate Program Director, the student, and the Dean of the University Graduate School through the D-1R form. Students are responsible for collecting the required signatures and submitting the form.

Cross-Reference

Instructions and deadlines for submitting the **D-1 (Appointment of Dissertation Committee)** and **D-1R (Revised Committee Appointment)** forms are included in the [Doctoral Milestone Forms section](#). All forms (except the D-1R PDF) are submitted electronically via my.fiu.edu.

Completion of Coursework

All students are expected to complete their pre-candidacy coursework within the first two years (six terms). Once coursework is completed, students begin preparing for their comprehensive qualifying examinations.

DOCTORAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

To advance to candidacy, students must first form their dissertation committee and complete the qualifying examinations. These exams are intended to demonstrate both mastery of a broad field of study and readiness to undertake dissertation research.

- **Committee Formation**
 - Students entering with a relevant M.A. must form their dissertation committee by the **beginning of the third term**.
 - Students entering without a relevant M.A. must form their committee by the **fourth term**.
- **Predissertation Research**

During the term in which the qualifying examinations are taken, students must enroll in **SPW 7910 Predissertation Research**, under the supervision of the Graduate Program Director.
- **Evaluation and Advancement**

The qualifying exams are evaluated by three members of the dissertation committee: the Major Professor and two faculty from the Department of Modern Languages. If the student is deemed ready to advance, the committee will schedule the **oral defense of the dissertation proposal**. Teaching Assistants must complete this defense no later than **one term after the qualifying examinations**.

STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMINATION

- **Reading Lists:** In consultation with the committee, students compile two reading lists covering a range of texts across fields, periods, genres, and disciplines that inform their dissertation area.
- **Exam Statement:** One month before the exam, students submit a brief rationale (maximum five double-spaced pages) explaining the scope of the lists and the goals of the examination.

Written Exams: The qualifying examination consists of two take-home essay exams, administered twice a year (typically in November and March). Each exam must be completed within two weeks and should not exceed 20 pages.

EXAMINATION PROCESS

- **Exam Creation & Distribution:** The Major Professor (Dissertation Chair) drafts the questions and sends them to the Senior Program Coordinator, who distributes the Part 1 exam to the student.
- **Part 1 Submission:** The student submits responses to the Senior Program Coordinator, who then distributes the Part 2 exam.

Part 2 Submission: The completed Part 2 responses are submitted to the Senior Program Coordinator, who forwards both parts to the Major Professor for

distribution to the committee.

RESULTS AND ADVANCEMENT

- The written exams are evaluated by three committee members: the Major Professor and two faculty from the Department of Modern Languages.
- If the committee determines the student has passed, an **oral defense of the dissertation proposal** will be scheduled, normally within one term after the exams.
- Upon successful completion of the oral proposal defense, the student is **formally advanced to candidacy**.
- After advancement, students must remain continuously enrolled in a minimum of **3 dissertation credits (SPN 7980)** each term (including summer) until graduation. Students who have not advanced to candidacy may not enroll in dissertation credits.

ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY

To advance to candidacy, students must complete all coursework, pass the qualifying examinations, and fulfill the language requirement. Advancement is confirmed through the submission of the **Program for Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy (Form D-2)** via my.fiu.edu.

UGS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- A dissertation proposal must be submitted to UGS using the online milestone system.
- The proposal form requires students to address specific questions in each section; this version is **intended for UGS submission only**.
- Students must complete the **Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) certification**. For details, see: [RCR Certification Information](#).
- If the project involves **human or animal research**, approval memos (IRB, IACUC, or IBC) must be attached. At the time of submission, approvals must be **current and valid for at least one year**, and the student's name must appear on either the original approval memo or an amendment/renewal.

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

To be admitted to candidacy, students must have completed the following:

- Pass the **qualifying examination**
- Show proof of the **Second Language and Computer Literacy Requirement**
- Clear all **incompletes** from the transcript
- Successfully complete **57 graduate credits**:
 - Core courses: 9 credits
 - Distribution requirements: 15 credits
 - Electives: 33 credits

DISSERTATION PROPOSAL DEFENSE

The dissertation proposal is a detailed statement of research purpose and plans (15–20 pages). Students must circulate the proposal to all committee members **at least two weeks before the defense**, and it must be approved by all four members.

The **Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Form** must be submitted to UGS once the proposal is approved and no later than **three semesters before the anticipated graduation term** [Program for Doctoral Degree and Advancement to Candidacy Form](#)

DISSERTATION AND ORAL DEFENSE

The submission and defense of a dissertation mark the final stage of the Ph.D. program. The dissertation is the product of sustained research and should demonstrate **originality, critical judgment, and developed scholarship**. Detailed information is available at: [UGS Dissertation & Oral Defense Guidelines](#).

THE DISSERTATION

- A dissertation is required of all candidates for the doctoral degree.
- Once admitted to candidacy, students must register for **SPN 7980 – Dissertation Research**.
- Candidates are required to enroll in at least **3 dissertation credits each term (Fall, Spring, and Summer)** until the degree is awarded.
- Students must be registered for dissertation credits in the **semester of graduation**.
- Failure to maintain continuous enrollment (minimum 3 credits per term) will result in removal from the program.

THE DISSERTATION DEFENSE

- **Scheduling:** The date, time, and location of the defense should be arranged by the student in consultation with the Major Professor and committee members. Once scheduled, notify the Senior Program Coordinator to reserve a room.
- **Announcement:** Students must prepare a defense announcement. A sample can be found here: [Defense Announcement Sample](#). The announcement must be submitted to the Senior Program Coordinator at least **two weeks before the defense** for departmental distribution.
- **Format:** The defense is open to the public and typically includes:
 - A **15-minute presentation** by the candidate.
 - A **10-minute question period** for each committee member.
- **Post-Defense Revisions:** Following a successful defense, students must complete any revisions required by the committee.

- **Final Submission:** The approved dissertation, with all required signatures, must be submitted electronically via the [Electronic Thesis and Dissertation \(ETD\) System](#) following UGS guidelines.

ORDER OF DOCTORAL MILESTONE FORMS (with Department Steps)

Year 1–2 (Pre-Candidacy)

- 1. Appointment of Dissertation Committee**
 - Committee formed by 3rd term (with M.A.) or 4th term (without M.A.).
 - Form submitted via [my.fiu.edu](#).
- 2. Qualifying Examinations**
 - Written exams (2 parts) + evaluation by committee.
 - Students enrolled in SPW 7910 Predissertation Research during this term.
- 3. Program for Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy**
 - Filed once qualifying exams are passed.
 - Certifies coursework + candidacy status.
 - Submitted via [my.fiu.edu](#).

Year 2–3 (Advancing to Dissertation Work)

- 4. Proposal Defense (Departmental Requirement)**
 - The student defends a 15–20 page proposal to the full committee.
 - Must be approved by all members.
 - Scheduled internally by department; not listed as a separate UGS milestone, but required before submission of the Proposal Form.
- 5. Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Form**
 - Submitted to UGS once the proposal is successfully defended.
 - Must be filed **at least three semesters before anticipated graduation**.
 - Deadlines: [UGS Calendar](#).

Year 3–4 (Dissertation Completion)

- 6. Preliminary Approval of Dissertation and Request for Oral Defense**
 - The committee confirms the dissertation draft is provisionally acceptable.
 - Must be filed **8 weeks before the defense date**.
 - Submitted via [my.fiu.edu](#).
- 7. Final ETD Approval Form**
 - Certifies defense, final revisions, formatting, and submission of electronic dissertation.

- Includes embargo/publication information.
- Form: [Final Electronic Thesis/Dissertation Approval Form \(PDF\)](#).

MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAMS IN SPANISH

The Department of Modern Languages offers:

1. **M.A. in Spanish** (focus on literature and culture)
2. **M.A. in Spanish: Language Teaching & Applied Linguistics Major**

30 credits are required of graduate coursework and provide advanced preparation for careers in teaching, research, and related professional fields. Students may also pursue the **Combined B.A./M.A. in Spanish** pathway.

M.A. in Spanish (Literature & Culture) – 30 credits

This program emphasizes Peninsular and Latin American literatures and cultural studies.

Core Courses (6 credits)

Students must complete at least two of the following:

- FOL 5800 – Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3 credits)
- LIN 5636 – Research Methods in Applied Linguistics (3 credits)
- SPW 5806 – Methods of Literary Research (3 credits)
- SPW 6825 – Literary Theory and Criticism (3 credits)

Required Coursework (18 credits)

Six graduate-level courses in Spanish American or Peninsular literature, culture, or related fields.

Electives (6 credits)

Two additional electives at the graduate level, chosen in consultation with the Graduate Program Director. Courses may be taken in Modern Languages or, with approval, in other FIU departments.

Exit Requirements

- **Comprehensive Examination:** A six-hour proctored exam covering two areas: (1) Spanish American Literature and (2) Spanish Literature.
- **Research Paper:** A 20–25 page academic research paper, double-spaced,

evaluated by a faculty committee.

M.A. in Spanish: Language Teaching & Applied Linguistics – 30 credits

This program is designed for professionals seeking to deepen their expertise in Spanish language pedagogy and applied linguistics.

Core Courses (6 credits)

Students must complete at least two of the following:

- FOL 5800 – Foreign Language Teaching Methodology (3 credits)
- LIN 5636 – Research Methods in Applied Linguistics (3 credits)
- SPW 5806 – Methods of Literary Research (3 credits)
- SPW 6825 – Literary Theory and Criticism (3 credits)

Required Coursework (18 credits)

Graduate-level courses in Spanish Applied Linguistics, Spanish Language Pedagogy, or related areas.

Electives (6 credits)

Two electives at the graduate level, selected in consultation with the Graduate Program Director. Courses may be taken in Modern Languages or, with approval, in other FIU departments.

Exit Requirements

- A **capstone research project or portfolio** demonstrating advanced expertise in language teaching and applied linguistics.
- **No comprehensive examination** is required for this program.

Combined B.A./M.A. in Spanish

The combined degree pathway allows undergraduates to complete both the B.A. and M.A. in Spanish in a shorter timeframe. Students must apply before beginning the final 30 credits of the B.A. program. Up to **9 credits (5000-level or above)** may be counted toward both degrees.

- Program details: [Combined B.A./M.A. Pathway](#)
- Admissions process: Graduate Admissions

GRADUATE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Mentoring

Upon admission, the Graduate Program Director (GPD) serves as the initial Mentor for each student. The GPD advises students during their first terms, ensuring appropriate course selection and timely progress through program milestones. Once students select a dissertation committee, the Major Professor becomes the primary Mentor.

Mentors are expected to:

- Guide students in developing a well-balanced course of study.
Provide resources and advice for thesis/dissertation research.
Offer academic and professional advising, including career development.
- Encourage participation in conferences and professional activities.
- Foster a respectful, supportive, and intellectually stimulating environment.

Graduate Active and Full-Time Status

Active Status

Active status allows students to utilize University resources. All graduate students must enroll in at least one (1) credit hour per term to maintain active status. Students who do not enroll for three consecutive terms will be dismissed.

Full-Time Status

- 9 graduate credits in Fall and Spring; 6 credits in Summer.
- After advancing to candidacy, 3 dissertation credits per term constitute full-time enrollment (except for assistantship purposes).
- The maximum load is 15 credits per term without special permission.
- Fellowship and assistantship recipients must maintain full-time enrollment.

Time Limits for Graduate Degree Completion

- **Doctoral students:** must complete all requirements, including the dissertation defense, within nine (9) years of first enrollment.
- **M.A. students:** must complete all requirements, including the thesis defense if applicable, within six (6) years of first enrollment.
- Approved leaves of absence do not extend time limits.

Academic Standing, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies

Academic Standing

Graduate students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Programs may set higher requirements.

Academic Dismissal

- **Warning:** GPA falls below 3.0.
- **Probation:** GPA remains below 3.0 in the following term.
- **Dismissal:** GPA remains below 3.0 while on probation, or failure to make satisfactory progress toward degree completion.

Students may not be dismissed before attempting at least 12 hours of graduate coursework. Dismissed students have ten (10) working days to appeal.

Other grounds for dismissal include:

- Failure to comply with continuous enrollment requirements (for doctoral candidates or master's students with an approved proposal).
- Failure to complete degree requirements within time limits.

Readmission

- A minimum of one academic year must elapse after dismissal before reapplication.
- Dismissed students may not enroll as non-degree seeking students during this time.
- Readmission requires meeting current program requirements and approval by the Dean of the University Graduate School (doctoral students).

Graduation

Students must apply for graduation during the term they plan to graduate. Deadlines are listed in the Academic Calendar. Graduation ceremonies occur three times per year. To apply, log into **MyFIU** and select "Apply for Graduation" under the Academics drop-down menu.

For a full list of graduate policies and procedures, visit: [UGS Policies and Procedures](#).

GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (TAs/DAs)

Teaching Assistantships (TAs) and Digital Assistantships (DAs) provide financial support for Ph.D. students while offering valuable university teaching and professional experience under faculty guidance.

Expectations for Graduate Assistants

All GAs are expected to:

- Meet enrollment requirements (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer for Ph.D. students only).
- Maintain adequate progress toward degree completion.
- Keep a minimum GPA of **3.5**.
- Actively participate in departmental activities (Graduate Lecture Series, workshops, etc.).
- Perform teaching or research assignments successfully.
- For Ph.D. students: produce at least **two dissertation chapters per year**.
- Meet standards for student evaluations and faculty class observations.

Steps in the Hiring Process

New Hires

1. Complete the **New Hire Employee Sign-On Packet for Graduate Assistants**, available on the [HR website](#).
2. Graduate Managers submit GA contracts online via the PantherSoft HR system within UGS deadlines.
3. Student, Graduate Program Director (GPD), and Department Chair sign the employment agreement form.

International New Hires

- Must contact the **Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)** for:
 - On-Campus Employment Certification.
 - Social Security Number instructions.
- Graduate Managers submit GA contracts online (PantherSoft HR system) within UGS deadlines.
- Student, GPD, and Department Chair sign the [employment agreement form](#).

REGISTRATION AND CLASSES

MyFIU

[MyFIU](#) is the university's student self-service portal. Through it, students can register for courses, view schedules, drop classes, check enrollment appointments, and more.

Before You Register

- **Check Enrollment Appointment:** Found in your MyFIU account under *Self-Service* (right side of screen). This is your assigned registration date.

- **Meet with Your Mentor:** Schedule advising at least two months before your enrollment appointment to ensure proper course selection.
- **Clear Holds:** Outstanding balances or holds will prevent registration.
- **Register Early:** Register before the first day of class to avoid a \$100 late registration fee. See the [Academic Calendar](#) for deadlines.

Make Payment:

- Financial aid students must ensure aid applications are complete for timely disbursement.
- Out-of-pocket payments must be made by the deadline to avoid a \$100 late payment fee.

Adding Courses in MyFIU

1. Log in to [MyFIU](#).
2. Select the **Manage Classes** tile.
3. Under **Enrollment**, click *Class Search & Add to Cart*.
4. Search courses by name or code (include a space in course codes).
5. View details (meeting times, instructor, availability).
6. Add selected courses to your cart.
7. From your cart, select classes and click *Enroll*.
8. Confirmation will show a green checkmark (or waitlist position if applicable).

For step-by-step instructions, visit [OneStop – Register for Classes](#).

Registration Fees

- Graduate tuition and fee information: [Estimate Your Costs](#).
- **Late Registration Fee:** Students registering after the published deadline will be charged \$100. Appeals may be submitted to the Office of the Registrar with supporting documentation if the delay was caused by university error or extenuating circumstances.

FUNDING

Teaching Assistantships

A limited number of assistantships are available each year for doctoral students. Candidates seeking an assistantship must apply in writing to the Graduate Program Director by **December 15**.

Ph.D. assistantships normally consist of:

- A stipend of approximately \$24,000 per academic year (including summer)
- A matriculation fee waiver (24 credits for Ph.D. students).

In exchange, students must:

- Work 20 hours per week for the Department.
- Enroll in a minimum of 9 credits per semester and 6 credits in the summer.

Students with more than 18 graduate credits generally fulfill their work requirements by teaching one language class per term.

Additional policies:

- **Outside employment is not permitted.** Proof of outside employment will result in termination of the assistantship.
- Assistantships can be renewed for up to 4 academic years (if entering with a relevant M.A.) or 5 years (if entering with a B.A.).
- Renewal is contingent upon:
 1. Strong academic performance.
 2. Effective work as a graduate or teaching assistant
 3. Active participation in departmental meetings and activities.
- Renewal decisions are made by the Graduate Committee in consultation with the student's advisor and the Language Coordinator.
- ABDs must show adequate progress toward dissertation completion for renewal.

FIU Scholarships

FIU offers a wide range of scholarships for graduate students. Opportunities can be found through the [FIU AcademicWorks portal](#).

UGS Fellowships

The **University Graduate School (UGS)** provides [two major intramural fellowships](#) for doctoral students:

Doctoral Evidence Acquisition (DEA) Fellowship

Supports doctoral students during the **evidence collection phase** of dissertation research.

- **Award:** \$9,449.55 stipend for one term, plus a tuition waiver for 3 dissertation credits.
- **Activities Covered:** Archival/library research, fieldwork, interviews, specimen collection, experiments, and other data-gathering activities.
- **Restrictions:**
 - No outside employment permitted during the fellowship.
 - Fellowship cannot be deferred.
 - May not be used for travel to federally restricted countries.

- **Eligibility:**
 - Must be advanced to candidacy (Program for Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy approved by UGS).
 - Dissertation Proposal Form must be approved (or in process at the time of application).
 - Must be enrolled in at least 3 dissertation credits during the fellowship term.
 - Students beyond 12 terms of enrollment are not eligible.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Demonstrated lack of sufficient financial support, clear evidence-acquisition plan with timeline, strong justification for non-GA/TA assignment.
- **Application:** Submit through [FIU AcademicWorks](#), including General Application and required recommendation letters.
- Guidelines: [Doctoral Evidence Acquisition \(DEA\) Fellowship PDF](#)

Dissertation Fellowship (DF)

Supports doctoral students during the **writing and defense phase** of the dissertation.

- **Award:** \$18,899.10 stipend for two terms (\$9,449.55 per term), plus a tuition waiver for 3 dissertation credits.
- **Expectations:**
 - Fellows are expected to graduate within one year of receiving the award.
 - No outside employment permitted during the fellowship.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Must be within 6 dissertation credits of completing the degree.
 - Approved Program for Doctoral Degree and Application for Candidacy must be on file with UGS.
 - Approved Dissertation Proposal Form must also be on file.
All data collection must be completed.
Students with an approved Dissertation and Request for Oral Defense on file are not eligible.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Outstanding record of scholarship, publications and presentations, strong timeline to finish in two terms, and history of applying for external funding.
- **Application:** Submit through [FIU AcademicWorks](#), including General Application and three letters of recommendation (major professor + two faculty).

Additional Funding Resources

Students are encouraged to explore other graduate funding opportunities offered by UGS, including travel awards, external fellowships, and special awards. For details, visit the [Graduate Funding page on the UGS website](#).

STUDENT SERVICES

ONE STOP ENROLLMENT SERVICES

One Stop combines Financial Aid, the Bursar's Office, and the Office of the Registrar. Students can get help with financial aid, tuition and fees, registration, and records. More info: onestop.fiu.edu

- Financial Aid: PC 135 | (305) 348-7272 | onestop@fiu.edu
Bursar's Office: PC 120 | (305) 348-2126 | onestop@fiu.edu
- Registrar: PC 130 | (305) 348-2320 | onestop@fiu.edu

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES (SHS)

SHS provides free or low-cost medical care, including women's health, physical exams, chronic disease management, prescriptions, massage therapy, and dietician services. Location: University Health Services Complex (SHC). Phone: (305) 348-8385.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

CAPS supports student well-being and academic success through confidential counseling and mental health services. Location: SHC 270. Phone: (305) 348-2277 (CAPS).

CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services offers career fairs, workshops, CV/resume assistance, mock interviews, and access to an online career database. Location: PC 230. Phone: (305) 348-2423.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (DRC)

The DRC ensures accessibility and provides accommodations, training, and resources for students with disabilities. Location: GC 190. Phone: (305) 348-3532 | drc@fiu.edu

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS) ISSS advises international students and scholars on immigration, legal, cultural, social, and financial issues. Location: GC 355. Phone: (305) 348-2421 | iss@fiu.edu | iss.fiu.edu

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL (UGS)

UGS manages graduate admissions, supervisory committees, proposals, theses/dissertations, fellowships, and professional development.

- Admissions: (305) 348-7000 | gradadm@fiu.edu
- General inquiries: ugs@fiu.edu | [UGS Website](#)

MODERN LANGUAGES GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION (MLGSO)

MLGSO supports graduate students in Modern Languages through academic and professional events. To join or learn more, connect with the executive board via OrgSync, the Facebook page, or the [MLGSO webpage](#).

M.A. IN SPANISH READING LIST

LITERATURA PENINSULAR

I. Edad Media y Siglos de Oro

Jorge Manrique, *Coplas a la muerte de su padre* (*Coplas por la muerte de don Rodrigo Manrique, Maestre de Santiago*).

Juan Ruiz (Arcipreste de Hita), *Libro de Buen Amor*.

Don Juan Manuel, *El conde Lucanor*.

San Juan de la Cruz, selecciones en la antología de Elias Rivers.

Fray Luis de León, selecciones en Elias Rivers: “Noche serena,” “A Salinas,” “A la vida retirada.”

Anónimo, *Lazarillo de Tormes*.

Fernando de Rojas, *La Celestina*.

Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quijote de la Mancha*; *Novelas ejemplares*.

Pedro Calderón de la Barca, *La vida es sueño*.

Félix Lope de Vega, *Fuenteovejuna*; *Peribáñez*.

Tirso de Molina, *El burlador de Sevilla*.

II. Siglos XVIII–XXI

Gaspar Melchor de Jovellanos, *Informe en el expediente de la Ley Agraria*.

José Cadalso, *Cartas marruecas*.

Nicolás Fernández de Moratín, *El sí de las niñas*.

Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer, *Rimas*.

Rosalía de Castro, *Las orillas del Sar*.

Leopoldo Alas (Clarín), *La Regenta*.

Emilia Pardo Bazán, *Los pazos de Ulloa*.

Benito Pérez Galdós, *Fortunata y Jacinta*, *Doña Perfecta* o *Tristana* (elegir una).

Ángel de Saavedra (Duque de Rivas), *Don Álvaro o la fuerza del sino*.

José Zorrilla, *Don Juan Tenorio*.

Mariano José de Larra, artículos de costumbres: “El día de difuntos de 1836,” “¿Quién es el público?,” “Vuelva usted mañana.”

Antonio Machado, *Campos de Castilla*.

Federico García Lorca, *Romancero gitano*; *Poeta en Nueva York*; *Bodas de sangre*; *La casa de Bernarda Alba*.

Jorge Guillén, *Mientras el aire es nuestro*.

Juan Ramón Jiménez, *Segunda antología poética*.

Camilo José Cela, *La familia de Pascual Duarte* o *La colmena*.

Miguel Delibes, *Cinco horas con Mario*.

Carmen Laforet, *Nada*.

Carmen Martín Gaité, *El cuarto de atrás*.

Luis Martín Santos, *Tiempo de silencio*.

Ana María Matute, *Primera memoria*.

Mercè Rodoreda, *La plaza del diamante*.

Ramón José López Sender, *Réquiem por un campesino español*.

Miguel de Unamuno, *En torno al casticismo* y una de las siguientes: *Niebla*, *La tía Tula*, *Paz en la guerra* o *San Manuel Bueno, mártir*.

José Ortega y Gasset, *La deshumanización del arte*.

Antonio Buero Vallejo, *El tragaluz*.

Alfonso Sastre, *Escuadra hacia la muerte*.

Ramón del Valle-Inclán, *Luces de bohemia*.

LITERATURA HISPANOAMERICANA

I. Colonial y Siglo XIX

Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca, *Naufragios*.

Cristóbal Colón, *Carta a Luis de Santángel*.

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, "Respuesta a Sor Filotea," "Hombres necios," y sonetos ("Este que ves engaño colorido," "Este amoroso tormento," "Detente, sombra...", "Al que ingrato me deja...").

Bernal Díaz del Castillo, *Historia verdadera de la conquista de la Nueva España* (selección).

Garcilaso de la Vega, el Inca, *Comentarios reales* (Primera Parte, selección).

Andrés Bello, *La agricultura de la zona tórrida*.

Rubén Darío, *Azul*.

José María Heredia, "En el teocalli de Cholula."

José Martí, *Versos sencillos*; *Nuestra América*.

Esteban Echeverría, *El matadero*.

Federico Gamboa, *Santa*.

Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda, *Sab*.

Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, *Civilización y barbarie* o *Vida de Juan Facundo Quiroga* (selección).

Cirilo Villaverde, *Cecilia Valdés*.

José Enrique Rodó, *Ariel*.

II. Siglo XX

Vicente Huidobro, *Altazor*.

Gabriela Mistral, selecciones de *Desolación* y *Tala*.

Pablo Neruda, *Residencia en la tierra*; *Canto general* (selección).

Octavio Paz, *Libertad bajo palabra* y selección en Olvio Jiménez, *Antología*.

César Vallejo, *Los heraldos negros*; *Trilce*.

José María Arguedas, *Los ríos profundos*.

Miguel Ángel Asturias, *El señor Presidente*.

Jorge Luis Borges, *Ficciones*.

Alejo Carpentier, *Los pasos perdidos*.

Julio Cortázar, “Casa tomada,” “Continuidad de los parques,” “La noche boca arriba,”
“Las babas del diablo.”

Carlos Fuentes, *La muerte de Artemio Cruz*.

Rómulo Gallegos, *Doña Bárbara*.

Gabriel García Márquez, *Cien años de soledad*.

Ricardo Güiraldes, *Don Segundo Sombra*.

Horacio Quiroga, *Cuentos de amor, locura y de muerte*.

Juan Rulfo, *Pedro Páramo*; *El llano en llamas*.

Mario Vargas Llosa, *La ciudad y los perros*.

Osvaldo Dragún, *El amasijo*.

René Marqués, *Los soles truncos*.

José Triana, *La noche de los asesinos*.

Rodolfo Usigli, *Corona de sombra*.

Egon Wolf, *Los invasores*.

Roberto Fernández Retamar, *Calibán*.

José Lezama Lima, *La expresión americana*.

Octavio Paz, *El laberinto de la soledad*.

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Table 1
Fall 2025 Semester

Event	Date
Main Session (16 weeks)	
Classes Start	Monday, August 25, 2025
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, August 31, 2025
Labor Day (No Classes)	Monday, September 1, 2025
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, November 3, 2025
Veterans Day (No Classes)	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Holiday Break (No Classes)	Wednesday-Sunday, November 26-30, 2025
Last Regular Class Day	Saturday, December 6, 2025
Finals Week (Required Class Meetings)*	Monday-Saturday, December 8-13, 2025
End of Term	Saturday, December 13, 2025
Commencement	Monday-Thursday, December 15-18, 2025
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, December 18, 2025
Degree Conferral Date	Saturday, December 20, 2025
Winter Break 1 (No Classes)	Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Day (No Classes)	Thursday, December 25, 2025
Winter Break 2 (No Classes)	Wednesday, December 31, 2025
New Year's Day (No Classes)	Thursday, January 1, 2026

Session A

Classes Start	Monday, August 25, 2025
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, August 31, 2025
Labor Day (No Classes)	Monday, September 1, 2025
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade Last	Monday, September 22, 2025
Regular Class Day	Saturday, October 11, 2025
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, October 16, 2025

Session B

Classes Start	Monday, October 20, 2025
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, October 26, 2025
Veterans Day (No Classes)	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, November 17, 2025
Thanksgiving Holiday Break (No Classes)	Wednesday-Sunday, November 26-30, 2025
Last Regular Class Day	Saturday, December 6, 2025
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, December 18, 2025

Session D

Classes Start	Monday, December 8, 2025
Last Day to Add/Drop	Thursday, December 11, 2025
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, December 22, 2025
Winter Break 1 (No Classes)	Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Day (No Classes)	Thursday, December 25, 2025
End of Session	Tuesday, December 30, 2025
Winter Break 2 (No Classes)	Wednesday, December 31, 2025
New Year's Day (No Classes)	Thursday, January 1, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Friday, January 2, 2026
Grades Available for Students	Saturday, January 3, 2026

*If a final exam is not required, classes are expected to be held during finals week

Table 2
Spring 2026 Semester

Event	Date
Main Session (16 weeks)	
Classes Start	Monday, January 5, 2026
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, January 11, 2026
Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)	Monday, January 19, 2026
Spring Break (No Classes)	Monday-Sunday, February 23-March 1, 2026
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, March 16, 2026
Last Regular Class Day	Saturday, April 18, 2026
Finals Week (Required Class Meetings)*	Monday-Saturday, April 20-25, 2026
End of Term	Saturday, April 25, 2026
Commencement	Monday-Thursday, April 27-30, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, April 30, 2026
Degree Conferral Date	Saturday, May 2, 2026

Session A

Classes Start	Monday, January 5, 2026
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, January 11, 2026
Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)	Monday, January 19, 2026
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, February 2, 2026
Last Regular Class Day	Saturday, February 21, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, February 26, 2026

Session B

Classes Start	Monday, March 2, 2026
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, March 8, 2026
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, March 30, 2026
Last Regular Class Day	Saturday, April 18, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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Table 3
Summer 2026 Semester

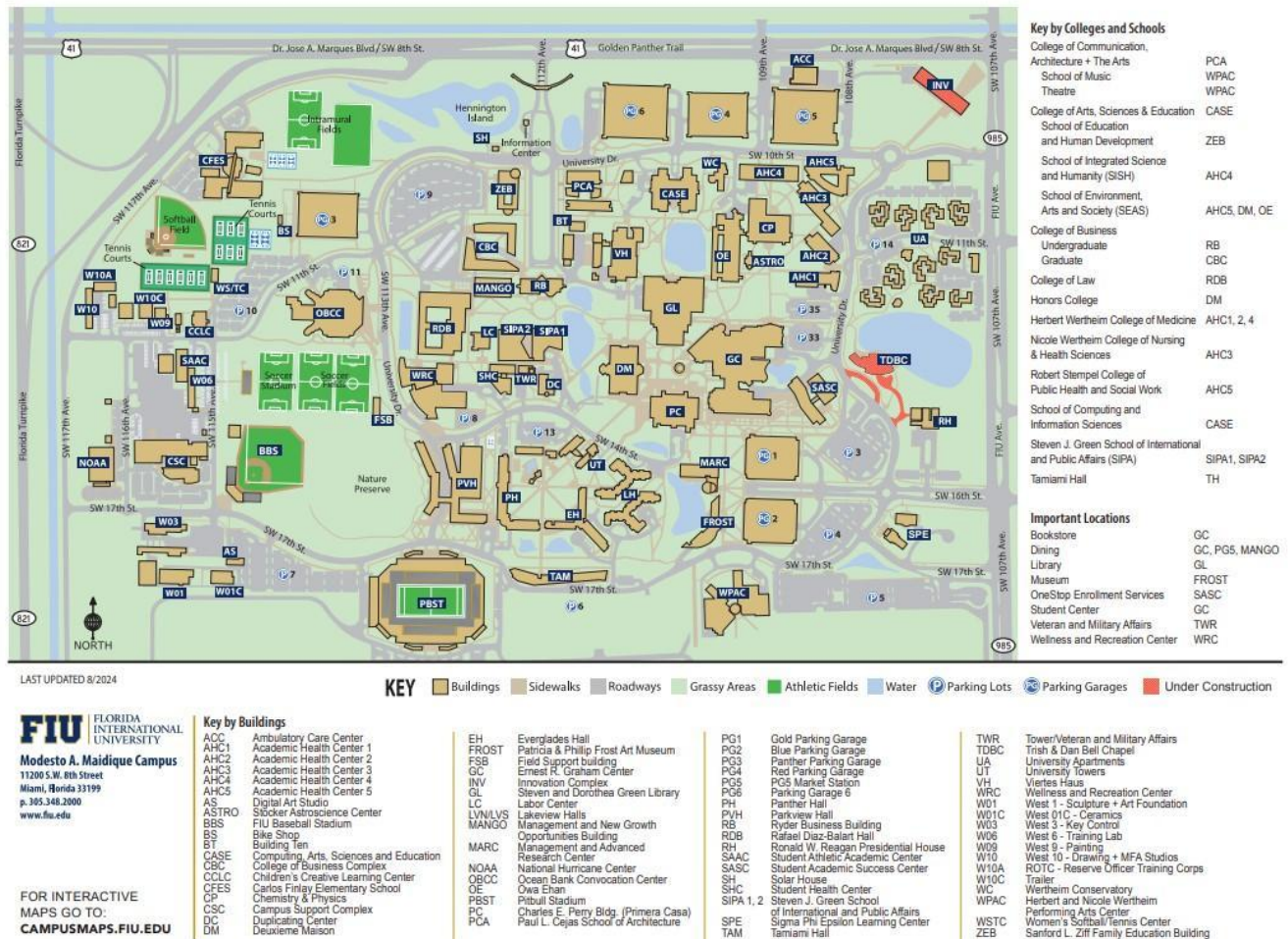
Event	Date
Session C	
Classes Start	Monday, May 11, 2026
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, May 17, 2026
Memorial Day (No Classes)	Monday, May 25, 2026
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, June 29, 2026
Independence Day Observed (No Classes)	Friday, July 3, 2026
End of Term	Friday, July 31, 2026
Commencement	Monday-Thursday, August 3-6, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, August 6, 2026
Degree Conferral Date	Saturday, August 8, 2026
Session A	
Classes Start	Monday, May 11, 2026
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, May 17, 2026
Memorial Day (No Classes)	Monday, May 25, 2026
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, June 8, 2026
Last Regular Class Day	Friday, June 19, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Session B	
Classes Start	Monday, June 22, 2026
Last Day to Add/Drop	Sunday, June 28, 2026
Independence Day Observed (No Classes)	Friday, July 3, 2026
Last Day to Drop with a DR Grade	Monday, July 20, 2026
Last Regular Class Day	Friday, July 31, 2026
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grades	Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Grades Available for Students	Thursday, August 6, 2026

Note: Fall 2026 Begins Monday, August 24, 2026

RESOURCES

MMC CAMPUS MAP

<https://campusmaps.fiu.edu/docs/MMC.pdf>



*The Department of Modern Languages is located in SIPA II (second floor)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All F-1 students must report to the [International Student and Scholar Services \(ISSS\)](#) Office upon arrival and before registering for classes. Requirements include:

- Attend the mandatory International Student Orientation (Friday before classes in Fall, Spring, Summer A/C; day before classes in Summer B).
- Register full-time (9 credits in Fall/Spring; 6 credits in Summer if admitted then).
- Limit of one online course per semester.
- Obtain medical insurance (proof required to register).
- Present FIU I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 card, and valid passport at ISSS.

For a Social Security Number, [click here](#). More information is available at iss.fiu.edu, by email at iss@fiu.edu, or by phone at 305-348-2421.

ONE CARD (STUDENT ID)

The FIU One Card is the official student ID and is required to use campus facilities, check out books, request transcripts, and more. You may obtain it after registering for classes. Bring a valid photo ID and your current schedule to:

FIU One Card Office

MMC: PG-1 100
11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199
305-348-7000 | onecard@fiu.edu

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

All vehicles on campus must have an FIU decal. Students may park in any student space (white/gray or unmarked bumper blocks). Decals are available at the [Department of Parking & Transportation](#) in PG 5 – Market Station. Bring your license, registration, and current schedule.

Visitors without a decal may park in Lots 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 33, 35, or in any garage at MMC (\$1/hour, max \$8/day). Individual meters cost \$0.25 per 15 minutes.

FIU also offers several commuting options:

- **Metro Passes/EASY Cards:** Discounted for students.
- **Golden Panther Express Shuttle (GPE):** Weekday shuttle between MMC and BBC (fee via One Card).
- **CATS Shuttle:** Free service between Engineering Campus (EC) and MMC.
- **Panther Mover:** Shuttle between Panther Garage and Primera Casa (PC).
- **Freebee:** Free on-demand rides on weekdays, 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

More details are available at parking.fiu.edu.

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LIBRARY

[The Green Library](#) (GL) provides extensive resources for research. Students must be registered and have a valid FIU One Card to borrow materials. Graduate students conducting thesis/dissertation research must be registered, even if only for that purpose.

Loan Periods (Graduate Students):

- Checkout: 120 days
- Renewals: 2 (120 days each)
- Overdue fines: \$0.25/day

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