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# New to FSU

E—Newsletter for New International Students

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## Get Ready for your Arrival!

**In this issue of New to FSU, find out four things you can do now before arrival to make life easier when you get here.** You will have plenty to do when you arrive, so take care of these now! This issue also gives you a short list of terms and names that are unique to FSU to help you figure out what everyone is talking about when you first arrive!

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### What's This?



The FSU torch represents the three concepts that inform the university's guiding philosophy. The torch shows the Latin words *Vires*, *Artes*, *Mores* — Strength, Skill, Character.

## 1. Activate your FSUID and email

- Go to <http://campus.fsu.edu> and click on "Activate your FSUID". You will need your temporary student number (starts with the numbers "999"). This number was assigned to you when you applied to the university. It is also located on the "Welcome Letter" you received from the International Center with your I-20. If you have a U.S. social security number, then use that number instead.
- Enter your date of birth.
- You will then be assigned your FSUID and email address.
- Set your password.

### Frequently Asked Question about activating your FSUID:

#### *How do I check my university email account?*

- You can check your FSU email by using the [campus.fsu.edu](http://campus.fsu.edu) website. Just log in using your FSUID and your password. Look for the "Webmail" tab at the top of the page. You should check this account often because this is the only email that the university and the International Center will use to communicate important information to you after you arrive.





## 2. Health History Form

You must complete the Health History form and show proof of immunizations before you can register for classes. The Thagard Student Health Center is the office that receives your Health History form. Check the required immunizations listed on the Health History form. You may need to get some vaccinations before you come to FSU. If you do not have all the required vaccinations, you will have to get these at the Thagard Student Health Center and pay for the cost. To save time and money, make sure you send this form before your arrival to the Thagard Student Health Center! Complete your Health History form, at:



<http://www.tshc.fsu.edu/FORMS/Health%20History%20Form.pdf>.

## 3. Health Insurance Requirement

Another pre-registration requirement is health insurance. The university offers an insurance plan that meets all State of Florida requirements. You can purchase the university-approved insurance plan online at: <https://cfprd.oti.fsu.edu/dsa/HealthInsurance/>. The insurance company for the university-plan is called “Blue Cross Blue Shield.”

If you have an insurance plan that is not the university plan, you must review the list of “comparables” for international student insurance at:

<http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/InternationalComparables.htm>.

A non-university insurance plan must meet **ALL** requirements listed on the website. Do NOT purchase insurance from a company before you confirm that their policy meets all of the State of Florida requirements. If your plan meets all requirements, complete the online waiver of insurance at <https://cfprd.oti.fsu.edu/dsa/HealthInsurance/>.

**See the “Pre-Arrival Information” brochure you received with your I-20 from the International Center (pages 22-24) for more information about insurance.**

### Frequently Asked Questions about Insurance:

#### *How much does the university insurance plan cost per year?*

The cost of insurance for 2009-2010 is \$1299 for one student. If you have a spouse or children: The cost for a spouse is \$2,950, a single child is \$1,583, and more than one child is \$2,517.

#### *I am a Graduate student receiving an assistantship from my department. Do I qualify for the health insurance subsidy?*

Select graduate assistants and fellows will be provided a subsidy for a portion of the

cost of the university sponsored health insurance. The subsidy cannot be used for any non-university plan. The Graduate School can answer questions about the insurance subsidy. See their website at: [www.gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards/Health-Insurance](http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards/Health-Insurance).

#### *Whom do I contact if I have more questions about insurance?*

The Thagard Student Health Center Insurance Office can answer questions about insurance. Email [healthcompliance@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:healthcompliance@admin.fsu.edu) or Call 850-644-4250.



## 4. Check your Registration Stops

A registration “stop” is placed on your student account until you meet certain university requirements. Before you come to FSU, you will have several registration stops (also called “holds”). These stops will prevent you from registering for classes until you have met the requirements.

### Stops for all new international students include:

- Health history form/immunization
- Health insurance
- International Center orientation and check-in requirement
- *Optional:* Admissions requirements, such as final transcripts or diplomas

### How to check your registration stops:

- Log in to <http://admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck/> with FSUID and password.
- The International Center stop will not appear on this website, but the stop will remain until you attend international student orientation and check-in at the IC.
- After August 17, you can check all registration stops at

**TIP!** After you submit your Health History form and purchase insurance, be sure to check your “registration stops” online to make sure that Thagard approved your form. They will not notify you if there is a problem with the form because you are expected to check your stops online!

## How to Speak “FSU”!

Here are just a few of the unique FSU names and terms that you should get familiar with before you come!

- **Blackboard:** The website [campus.fsu.edu](http://campus.fsu.edu) is commonly called “Blackboard.” You have already used this site before arrival, and you will use it very often as an FSU student. You can register for classes, pay tuition, get class announcements, check your email, and much more on this site.
- **“Club” Strozier:** The nickname for the university’s main library, officially called the Robert Manning Strozier Library. It gets this name because of the late hours it’s open and the frequency of seeing people you know there.
- **Garnet and Gold:** The official school colors. You will see lots of students wearing garnet and gold clothing to show their school spirit.
- **The Leach:** This refers to the Leach Center, FSU’s gym and recreation facility. The Leach is free for students and offers exercise equipment and classes, as well an indoor track and pool. More at: [fsu.campusrec.com](http://fsu.campusrec.com).
- **Seminoles:** The name of the official mascot of the university, particularly for the university’s athletic teams such as football. The Seminole name is in honor of the Native American Seminole Tribe, which has a long history in Florida. FSU Students commonly refer to themselves as “Seminoles” or “Noles” (as in “Go Noles!”). See Seminole logo →
- **The Union:** This is the place on campus that is the center of student activities and events. Also called the “Oblesby Union.” This building complex houses several fast-food options and a restaurant as well as a bowling alley, concert hall, and meeting spaces. Student Government and student organizations are also located here. More at: <http://union.fsu.edu>.

