

NEW STUDENT GUIDE



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WELCOME TO FLORIDA TECH

Congratulations on your admission and decision to attend Florida Institute of Technology!



We're sure you're excited about your new adventure in learning. Each year will contribute to your academic, social and personal growth. This is a time of self-discovery and new relationships with friends, faculty and our community.



Welcome to the beginning of what many people consider the best years of your life. As a new student at Florida Institute of Technology, your life will change in many ways. Over the next few years, you will grow intellectually, socially and spiritually.

You are now a part of a community of scholars, all striving to expand mankind's knowledge of space, sea, land and air. Take your role seriously in this endeavor, and remember you are now part of a larger world.

One day, you will join the thousands of graduates making a real contribution to their communities, industries and the planet at large. Your journey begins today. I encourage you to embrace it.

*Anthony J. Catanese Ph.D., FAICP
President,
Florida Institute of Technology*



Welcome and congratulations on your decision to attend Florida Institute of Technology. You'll find that the Florida Tech faculty and staff are dedicated to providing you with the highest quality education and academic experiences found anywhere in the country.

At Florida Tech, it is our mission to give each undergraduate an opportunity to work in the exciting world of research, no matter the discipline of study. We're proud of our advanced scholarly activities in space sciences, ocean sciences, aeronautics, computer sciences and many others. However, we're most proud of the role our students play in making this research a success.

I'm excited you've decided to join us for a journey of discovery. You'll take your first step today.

*T. Dwayne McCay, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President*





Florida Tech's Academic Calendar can be located at www.fit.edu/registrar/calendar. The calendar is subject to change.

CHECK-IN BEGINS TODAY!

WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA TECH FAMILY!

If, at any time, you have questions, please contact the Office of Student Life at (321) 674-8080 or e-mail orientation@fit.edu

LET'S GET STARTED ON CHECKING IN!

Several things need to be completed in order for you to transition into the university. Panther Pass is the key to completing all necessary processes. You can complete all processes at your own pace; however please start early as many will take some time to complete.

The Panther Pass program is designed to take you step by step through the process of checking in to the university. Your goal should be to complete the entire process before your arrival on campus. Completion prior to your arrival will ensure that you are prepared for university orientation and will reduce waiting time at university orientation.



Check your orientation dates at:
www.fit.edu/orientation

Don't be left out! Get your Panther Pass started today at <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.



The final step to starting your journey is **university orientation**. Orientation will prepare you for your journey toward your degree in three ways. First, you will receive all your information from the check-in process, and we will verify you are ready to start your journey. Second, you will transition into your academic unit. You will have the opportunity to learn about the important department processes and also meet your adviser. Finally, you will meet other students who are beginning their journey and make connections. More information about university orientation is available later in the Panther Pass process. For now, **mark your calendars** and make arrangements to attend orientation when required by your starting term.

For specific orientation dates, go to www.fit.edu/orientation.



PANTHER PASS ... THE FAST TRACK THROUGH ORIENTATION CHECK-IN!

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance into Florida Tech! We are excited you are beginning your journey toward your degree. The process from acceptance to your first class is two-fold: **complete the check-in process** and **attend university orientation**. All students are required to complete the check-in process and attend university orientation. Our research shows that students who participate in university orientation are more successful at Florida Tech and more likely to complete their degree!

NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH PANTHER PASS:

- **Housing Contract**
- **Meal Plan Selection**
- **Placement/Advanced Standing Exam Information**
- **Parking Pass Purchase**
- **Registration Information**
- **Health Insurance Registration or Waiver**
- **Library**
- **Financial Aid**
- **And much more!**

LIVING ON CAMPUS

WHAT'S NEXT?

Registration

You'll receive a list of your registered classes on Panther Pass. Class schedule information will be mailed to fall freshmen by the end of June. Graduate students will receive registration information in Panther Pass. You'll be able to make schedule adjustments and meet with your adviser during orientation.

Placement/Advanced Standing Exam Information

On Panther Pass, new undergraduates will be required to complete the online communication placement exam to determine their first required course in communication. In addition, new undergraduates whose first required mathematics course is college algebra will be required to complete the online college algebra placement exam to determine their first required course in mathematics.

New undergraduates pursuing majors that require precalculus or calculus as the first required course are **strongly encouraged** to complete the online practice calculus placement exam as preparation for the calculus placement exam that takes place during orientation.

International students must complete TOEFL requirements before completing placement testing. New undergraduates with transfer credits or AP credits in communication or mathematics may be exempted from placement testing.

If you have any questions about placement testing, please e-mail asc@fit.edu or call (321) 674-7110.

Advanced Standing Exams

New undergraduates who wish to receive credit by examination for Florida Tech courses may do so during orientation. Advanced exams in chemistry, communication, computer science, mathematics and physics are offered. Placement exams must be completed before taking advanced standing exams.

Students must sign up to take these exams with the Academic Support Center. If you have any questions about advanced standing exams, please e-mail asc@fit.edu or call (321) 674-7110.

Pay Your Fees Before You Arrive

The deadline to pay your final bill is the date of your orientation. To avoid long lines at orientation, pay before you arrive. Payment may be made online at Panther Pass, in person or by mail. If you have questions about payment options, call (321) 674-7428 or (800) 676-9250.

Don't be left out! Get your Panther Pass started today at <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.



We want you to make the most of your university experience, and we're here to assist you. The important information enclosed in this booklet will help you decide on housing and dining options, and provide lots of information on making the most of your "home away from home."

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN TWO-YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Recent research of college students across the nation shows that students who live on campus are more satisfied with their college experience, earn higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate than their commuting peers. Residence hall programming also enhances a student's educational experience by providing the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities and programs. Students find that with this involvement they achieve more professional growth and are stronger candidates when pursuing their career goals.

To that end, Florida Tech instituted an educationally based policy requiring all new full-time freshmen to reside in university housing and participate in one of the meal plans for their first two years in college.

Undergraduate students who have met one of the following may be exempt from this policy through application with the office of the Dean of Students:

1. Veteran of military service (two years or more)
2. Married
3. Primary caregiver for dependent children
4. 21 years of age or older
5. Reside with immediate family within 50 miles of the Florida Tech campus. (Immediate family is defined as parents, grandparents, legal guardian or sibling over age 21 not also enrolled at Florida Tech.)
6. Participant in a university-approved off-campus internship that requires living outside of the local area
7. Special requirements not included above.

YOUR HOUSING OPTIONS

As a freshman, you'll live in one of the Quad Residence Halls (Campbell, Grissom, Shaw, Wood), Roberts Hall or Columbia Village Suites (based on availability).

Roommate Requests

If you and a friend request each other as roommates, we'll make every effort to place you together. Roommate requests are considered only if the request is mutual, each student identification number is accurate on all paperwork and both applications arrive at the Campus Services Office before the assignment process begins.

Your Assignment

Roommate pairings are based on your answers to the questionnaire on the contract, so be honest! If we have received your Housing and Meal Plan Contract by the deadline of your term, you will be notified of your assignment. The assignment packet will include your housing assignment and phone number, your e-mail address, and your roommate's name and e-mail address.



For questions regarding housing, please visit:
<http://auxservices.fit.edu/housing.html>

ADVANTAGES OF LIVING ON CAMPUS AT FLORIDA TECH

Florida Tech has everything you need on campus ...

- Comfortable housing, great food, high-speed Internet access, social activities, a bookstore, mail services, phone services, on-campus copying and voicemail—and that's just the beginning ...
- Trained residence life staff members foster a positive living and learning environment by encouraging and supporting personal and community development.
- Our one-card system lets you use your student ID for most services on campus, including your meal plan, library, copying, laundry, vending and buying books in the bookstore. You won't need to carry cash.
- Your housing plan includes utilities and basic cable TV service, so you won't have to stress out over bills every month.
- When you live on campus, you'll be in the heart of the community. Clubs and organizations provide opportunities for you to learn new skills, meet people and have fun.

- Your residence hall room is conveniently located near your classes, labs, the library and your friends.
- If you like to play tennis, basketball, volleyball and/or swim, outdoor lighted tennis and basketball courts and two outdoor swimming pools are available.
- Studies show that living in residence facilities helps you excel academically and be more satisfied with your college experience.



Did you know ... Research indicates that if you live on campus you will have an 18 percent better chance of finishing college.

HOUSING OPTIONS

Double Occupancy Residence Hall Room (Roberts, Shaw, Grissom, Campbell or Wood Halls)
Suite Occupancy in Columbia Village (based upon availability)

Please Note: Your completed agreement and \$200 room deposit must be on file before a room assignment can be made. Housing contracts are for the entire academic year.



For questions regarding housing, please visit:
<http://auxservices.fit.edu/housing.html>

Columbia Village Suites feature:

- Four-bedroom, two-bath suite-style living
- Card access to apartment main doors
- Kitchen includes full-size refrigerator, microwave (only), double-sided sink and counter with three barstools
- Lockable storage space in the kitchen for each student
- Movable furniture throughout the apartment—living room includes couch, chair and two cubes. Each student has his or her own bedroom with a desk (48" long), chair, three-drawer chest and extra-long twin bed, plus a closet with mirrored doors
- Each bedroom comes with basic cable, high-speed Internet connection and available phone service
- Vaulted ceilings in third-floor apartments
- Common building includes full laundry facility, vending, a meeting room and resident mailboxes

All Residence Hall Rooms

- Are bright and spacious with extra-long twin beds, closets, drawers and built-in desks
- Have local phone service and voice mail available
- Have two separate connections to the campus fiber-optic network
- Include a MicroFridge® (combination microwave, freezer and refrigerator) in each room
- Have basic cable TV—Digital upgrades to cable service are available through Bright House Networks
- Are conveniently located next to laundry facilities, dining halls and classrooms
- Have vending machines in the main lobbies

UNIVERSITY



What are Meal Plans?

Florida Tech's Panther Dining offers you several meal plans so you may choose the right size plan to fit your lifestyle. Having a meal plan gives you economical and worry-free access to campus food outlets whenever you choose. All freshman meal plan options have Meal Points and FlexCash.

Meal Points

Meal points are used for entry into Evans Dining, our all-you-care-to-eat dining room located in the Residence Quad. One point equals one meal. Points can be used to enter Evans any time you wish, up to the number available in your plan. Your account will be credited each week with the number of meal points in your plan. The unlimited plan will allow you unlimited entries. As you use your meal points, the balance available will decline until it reaches zero or is reset for the week. The only restriction on meal points is that they must be used exclusively by you (sorry, they can't be shared with friends).

FlexCash

FlexCash makes the meal plan the most unique and flexible dining option available anywhere. FlexCash makes your meal plan work like a debit card. You make your food selections, present your card, tell the cashier to use FlexCash and the exact amount of your purchase is deducted from your FlexCash balance. FlexCash is great to use for between-meal snacks. It can be used for any item at all of our food locations! You may even use FlexCash in select vending machines to buy food for friends, order pizza delivery or purchase foods from the Rathskeller Eatery.



MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

HOW TO APPLY FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING AND MEAL PLANS

Fill out your Housing and Meal Plan Contract online at <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.

Be sure to complete the roommate preference section of the housing and meal plan contract. Florida Tech will notify you of your fall room assignment by mid-July.

- Due to the demand for freshman housing, some rooms are assigned as triples. If you are among the first 300 to return your housing/meal plan contract AND your housing deposit before June 1, you will be guaranteed a double occupancy room.
- Indicate your meal plan choice.
- Indicate your housing choice: double occupancy in a residence hall room or suite-style occupancy in Columbia Village.
- We MUST have the \$200 housing deposit to reserve a room for you. We can't use your financial aid, scholarships or sponsorship for this deposit! To pay by credit card, access your Panther Pass account at <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.

For questions regarding housing, please visit <http://auxservices.fit.edu/housing.html>

All housing and meal plan contracts are for the ENTIRE academic year or any portion remaining at time of sign-up.

The university reserves the right to limit behavior that affects the rights and safety of persons and property. Compliance with the University Code of Conduct and General University Policies sections of the *Student Handbook*, the Housing and Meal Plan Contract and other publications of the Office of Student Life is a condition of occupancy for all residence hall and apartment residents.

Note: The university reserves the right to make changes to its residence hall policies and meal plans at any time.

In accordance with the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act, there is NO SMOKING permitted in any university facilities. It is the university's position that participation in community living and responsibility are of vital importance. Therefore, students must assume the responsibilities outlined here as well as abide by all local, state and federal laws.

A \$200 room deposit must be on file in the student's account prior to the student receiving a room or apartment assignment, and remain on file as long as the student lives in university housing.



To apply, go to <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence Life staff endeavor to build and maintain a living and learning community where residents can broaden their perspective, discover their potential and prepare for life beyond Florida Tech.



Florida Tech students residing on-campus have a unique opportunity to positively impact, not only their lives but also the lives of those around them. Residential students create an educational and learning experience that takes them beyond the classroom and makes them a more complete and well-rounded individual.

It is upon this foundation that Residence Life strives to build a community that values the potential of each individual. We accomplish this by selecting a staff who reflect these values.

Residence Life is comprised of a diverse group of staff members who create a fun and functional educational environment; we are also some of the most helpful and resourceful people on campus.

Resident Assistants (RAs) coordinate and manage floors/buildings, and Resident Directors (RDs) supervise a group of RAs and manage an area with the help of their most experienced RAs—their Assistant Resident Director (ARD). In our work with Residence Life, we take on many roles; we are community builders, educators, helpers, team members, leaders and administrators.

If you are an on-campus resident, welcome to our community and Florida Tech; we can't wait to meet you!



STUDENT HEALTH CENTER AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The university's health center is open to all students and is staffed with full-time medical personnel. Students need only show their valid Florida Tech ID card for service. Appointments are preferred.

Please Note: All office visits and consultations are free. However, any annual/routine exams, procedures, laboratory work or diagnostic tests will be billed to the student's insurance or directly to the student. Students may pay for these services through the university's health insurance plan (if they are enrolled), a third-party insurance (parent's or employer's), check, Panther Cash or cash.

FLORIDA STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)—Florida Tech requires all students born after 1957 to show proof they have received two (2) MMRs (measles, mumps and rubella). Students must show proof of this immunization with a valid shot record issued by their physician, school program, county health department or other government agency, depending on their country of origin.

Meningococcal Meningitis and Hepatitis B—Florida regulations also require that all colleges/universities provide detailed information concerning the risks associated with meningococcal meningitis and Hepatitis B to all students residing in on-campus housing. You may obtain this information through brochures available at the Student Health Center and the Campus Services Office, or visit www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm or www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/b/index.htm.

Documentation of immunizations or a waiver stating you have received information but wish to decline Hepatitis and meningitis vaccinations is required.

Students from endemic areas of the world for Tuberculosis are required to have a TB skin test within three months of the start of the school semester. (See http://acha.org/info_resources/tb_statement.pdf for information on endemic regions.) This can be done at your doctor's office, the local health department or at the Student Health Center for a small fee when you arrive on campus.

Students who have not received the required immunizations will need to bring documentation to the Student Health Center within their first semester or any subsequent registration will be placed on hold.

Questions? Please contact the Student Health Center at (321) 674-8078.



Students must complete a Health History form located on the Web at: <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>

See Student Health Insurance Enrollment or Waiver Request on the Web at: <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>



STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

DOMESTIC STUDENTS

All full-time graduate (nine or more credits) and undergraduate (12 or more credits) students must be covered by adequate health and accident insurance. Domestic students must enroll in the university's student health insurance if they cannot show proof of coverage under their parent's/guardians or third-party accident and health insurance program from an employer or spouse, etc.

Domestic students who have their own health insurance coverage may waive this charge by completing the waiver portion of the Student Health Insurance Enrollment and Waiver, and providing proof of coverage (photocopy of both the front and back of their current insurance identification card or a copy of the endorsement page of their current plan). Your enrollment/waiver will extend for the length of your stay at Florida Tech.

Domestic students with less than six credit hours are not eligible for the university's insurance coverage.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

U.S. government guidelines require health insurance coverage for both full-time and part-time international students, including coverage for all dependents residing with them in the United States. There is no socialized or national system of health care in the United States and medical treatment is extremely expensive.

It is MANDATORY for all international students to be covered by the university's health insurance plan. As part of your tuition and fees, you will be charged for health insurance. Exceptions may be granted only if you have an insurance plan that meets very strict requirements. You may request a waiver of this fee by completing a form and providing proof of appropriate insurance to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Florida Tech will not accept coverage by an insurance company outside the United States. Before enrolling for coverage in an insurance plan other than Florida Tech's student health plan, please check with the ISSS office to determine if it meets the waiver requirements.

DEPENDENT ENROLLMENT

All full-time degree-seeking students and all international students participating in this program may insure their dependents for an additional charge. Eligible dependents are your spouse and unmarried children (residing with the insured student) under 25 years of age who are not self-supporting. Enrollment for dependents must be renewed at Campus Services each year.

Contacts

All students seeking information regarding health insurance benefits and specific details of their coverage should contact the university's health insurance representative at (321) 432-5653 or (321) 674-8280.

Domestic students seeking information regarding enrolling or waiving student health insurance and all students seeking information regarding costs for all plans including dependant coverage should visit www.fit.edu/health/insurance.html.

International students seeking clarification regarding the university's health insurance policy and waivers should contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services, located on the second floor of the Keuper Administration building, or phone (321) 674-8053 or fax (321) 728-4570.

Please Note: All insurance waivers and coverage proof MUST be submitted on Panther Pass no later than the deadline to complete Panther Pass for your term start date.

For a complete copy of the Florida Tech Student Health Insurance Policy, visit www.studentassist.com (password 0277)



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The Charles and Ruth Clemente Center for Sports and Recreation is a \$6.8 million sports complex that opened in fall 2001. The 57,250-square-foot facility houses varsity and intramural basketball courts, one racquetball court, a complete fitness center, group fitness room, volleyball and badminton courts, the Center Court food services area, men's and women's locker rooms, an equipment check-out area and one multipurpose meeting room. A complete outdoor recreation rental program rents canoes, kayaks, camping and backpacking equipment. The 5,000-square-foot weight and fitness area is equipped with cardiovascular machines including treadmills, elliptical machines, exercise bikes and stair-climbers, free weights and selectorized weight equipment. Recreation and athletic department offices are also located in the facility. The Clemente Center hires student staff to work in the facility throughout the year. Come be a part of the most exciting staff on campus!



COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is our university counseling center. Its goals are to promote the best possible academic, vocational and emotional health. Services are available to all enrolled students.

Individual, couples and group psychotherapy are available and approached from a number of perspectives. Vocational counseling, academic enhancement skills and personal counseling are also available at CAPS. Our preference is that treatment be as brief as possible, based on the initial evaluation and assessment. This allows us to focus on therapy tailored to the individual and the current situation. Cultural needs and issues are integrated throughout the process.

At CAPS, we use a wide array of specialized assessment techniques to aid in intellectual and personality assessment, vocational interest testing and learning disability evaluations. In addition to using the most appropriate techniques for each individual, we believe the personal touch is a crucial part of the assessment.

Special training workshops are offered on campus, on topics such as stress management, substance abuse, assertiveness training and relationship enhancement. All services at CAPS are free, with the exception of learning disability and psychiatric services.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information, call (321) 674-8050.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Florida Tech does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Disabled students are expected to meet the same standards as all other students.

The Academic Support Center coordinates accommodations for disabled students. The services that are particularly helpful to disabled students are open to all students. Certain professional services and administrative procedures have been established specifically for students with documented disabilities.

For more information about services for students with a physical disability, call (321) 674-7110; for a learning disability, call (321) 674-8050.

RUTH CLEMENTE CENTER FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION



Intramurals

At Florida Institute of Technology, the student body is continuously active in intramural competition. This participation provides the physical benefits of exercise and develops the social values of companionship and sportsmanship. Team

and individual activities will enrich the lives of all participants throughout their college days and for years to come. Intramural activities are conducted on the Florida Tech campus, with the exception of softball, which uses an off-campus site. Some of the highlighted intramural activities are flag football, soccer, volleyball, inner tube water polo, dodgeball, softball, Ultimate Frisbee and basketball. The Intramural Office is located in the Clemente Center for Sports and Recreation. We hope everyone has a chance to participate

in some of the activities offered by this program. For additional information, visit <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.



GET INVOLVED!

Being a member of a student organization enriches your years at Florida Tech in many ways. The good friends and good times help you deal with the sometimes overwhelming demands of college life. Student organizations also give you opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, enhance your academic program and have an impact on the college community. A college education involves learning about a wide range of subjects. Not all of your learning will be done in labs and lectures. Other activities—such as attending a musical production in Gleason Performing Arts Center or dancing the night away at a concert sponsored by the Campus Activities Board—provide the opportunities to learn things you won't study in classrooms. Joining a club or being elected to Student Government can also provide important educational experiences. If you participate, Florida Tech will soon feel like home and your education will be more diverse.



Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternities and sororities at Florida Tech have a rich tradition of fostering student involvement and development. Fraternal organizations were founded on the ideals of leadership, scholarship, service and friendship. Fraternities and sororities assist in the development of students by:

- Developing leadership skills
- Developing social skills
- Providing education on social issues
- Enhancing critical thinking skills
- Building lifelong bonds and connections
- Providing career networking opportunities
- Organizing community service events
- Providing academic support
- Enhancing critical thinking skills
- *And most importantly providing fun and entertainment!*

Fraternities

Alpha Tau Omega
Chi Phi
Lambda Chi Alpha
Pi Kappa Alpha
Pi Lambda Phi
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Sororities

Alpha Phi
Gamma Phi Beta
Phi Sigma Sigma



Club and organization contact information can be found at: <http://pantherpass.fit.edu>.





Florida Tech's Civic Engagement Initiative

Florida Tech's Civic Engagement Initiative matches community needs with students and employee interests and develops individual and collective actions to address issues of public concern. We are a certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award program and award individuals and groups who complete a specified number of service hours.

The Office of Student Life tracks community service hours, professional association volunteer hours, fundraising dollars and item donations for students, faculty and staff. Tracking forms are available for individuals and groups at www.fit.edu/civic. All hours must be completed between August 1 and July 31. For a list of hour requirements and photos of awards, please visit www.fit.edu/civic. After an individual and/or group has completed the necessary hours to receive the award and submits the paperwork, the Office of Student Life will certify the individual or group and order the awards.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The Florida Tech Student Government Association (SGA) is a body comprised of elected and appointed student representatives that meets regularly to discuss matters of general concern regarding students. SGA acts as a liaison between the student body and the faculty, staff and administration by presenting proposals, programs, activities and resolutions that reflect the tenor of students' opinions. SGA is the vehicle through which students can comment on issues affecting the student body, make recommendations for improving student life and contribute to the survival and greatness of our university. SGA primarily exists to address student concerns and needs while providing services that enhance overall student life and development. Working closely with administration and a faculty adviser, SGA is committed to the representation and advocacy of all students.

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) at Florida Tech provides entertainment for the campus at large. CAB consists of student leaders charged with organizing campuswide activities. Realizing that most of college life is defined outside the classroom, CAB strives to add cultural, educational, popular and diverse events to the Florida Tech campus. The group strives to bring students, faculty, staff and the community together to enjoy a variety of events. Foot-taping, head-banging, crying from laughter and genuine fun is what you'll find at CAB events.

CAB events have included:

- Mentalists
- Magicians
- Comedians
- Slam poets
- Singer/songwriters
- Local bands
- Florida Tech's own talented students

CAB also co-sponsors events such as Casino Night and International Affair.

Becoming a member of CAB is easy—just show up when the magic happens at meetings. Look for events next semester and get involved! Join the group Monday nights at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the Denier Student Center. Visit CAB's Web site at <http://activities.fit.edu/cab>

PACKING FOR COLLEGE

The most important thing to bring is a great attitude that seeks challenges, the ability to adapt and compromise, a sense of humor and the desire to get involved with your education.

What to Pack or Purchase at a Local Store Upon Arrival

- **Linens**
Mattress pad and sheets (extra-long twin mattress 36" x 80"). We suggest extra-long twin sheets, pillow, pillow cases and several towels.
- **Toiletry items with carrying case and bath robe**
(bathrooms in Grissom, Campbell, Wood, Shaw and Roberts Hall have community facilities)
- **Storage and Personal Touches**
Clothes hangers, storage crates for miscellaneous items (there is no storage available outside of your room)
- **Area rug (4'X6')**
- **Small desk lamp**
- **Clock radio or alarm clock**
- **Electronics**
Touch-tone phone (Basic phone service is available. Students can sign up for long-distance service with the university or bring any valid calling card), small TV (university provides basic cable with upgrades to 71 TV channels through Bright House Networks).
- **Stereo and headphones**
Headphones are important so you don't bother your roommate or neighbors.
- **Computer**
Students should bring a surge protector or UPS to protect their computer(s). Several computer labs are available on campus. As many curricula require extensive use of computers, the university recommends that students consider bringing their own. For Apple and PC recommendations, visit www.it.fit.edu/purchase/hardware.
- **Essentials**
Don't forget to bring flashlight, umbrella, sunglasses, sunscreen (Florida is the sunshine state) and lots of summer clothing, including beach attire. Be prepared for a few cool days in the fall and winter months (it can get down in the 30s at night) so bring a light coat/jacket, sweater or heavy sweatshirt.

New Students: Shopping trips are scheduled during the fall semester student orientation program to allow students to purchase personal items and supplies at local stores.

Shipping Info

If you plan on shipping some of your personal items, please use the address below:

(Student Name)
c/o Florida Institute of Technology
Shipping and Receiving,
Building 540
150 W. University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901-6975

What to Leave Home

The waterbed, family pet and power tools! Weapons and fireworks expressly forbidden! Please leave the 300 watt Torchiere halogen lamps, candles and incense behind for your parents, along with any cooking appliances. See the *Student Handbook* for additional residence hall policies.



Packing Tip

To make your move-in day easier, we suggest you pack ALL of your items in easy-to-carry containers or in cartons with lids. Armloads of loose items jumbled in a pile are awkward and can cause more tiring trips than necessary.



FYI: On Move-In Day, helpers from our fraternities and sororities will be available to provide added move-in muscle.



COMPUTER RECOMMENDATIONS



I will be living in a residence hall and want to connect to the campus computer network. What type of equipment is recommended?

At minimum:

- 2.13 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo or higher (or AMD equivalent)
- Windows XP Home/Pro-Windows Vista capable
- 2 GB Ram
- 160 GB hard drive
- 10/100/1000 Ethernet Card
- 128 MB Graphics Card
- DVD+/-RW
- Sound Card with Speakers or Headphones
- 17-inch Flat Panel LCD

Please note: All users must supply their own network card and patch cable.

For Apple and PC recommendations, visit www.it.fit.edu/purchase/hardware.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Melbourne International Airport is conveniently located a few miles from Florida Tech. When exiting Melbourne Airport, go east (left) on NASA Boulevard to Airport Boulevard and turn south (right). Travel approximately 1-1/2 miles to Route 192 (also called New Haven Avenue). Turn east (left) on Route 192 to the first traffic light, Country Club Road. Turn south (right) on Country Club Road. Florida Tech is approximately 1/2 mile. Students and parents will need to make travel arrangements to and from airport.

FROM ORLANDO AIRPORT: Take S.R. 528 (Beachline) to I-95. Go south on I-95.

FROM NORTH OR SOUTH I-95: Take Exit 176 (Palm Bay Road) east to Babcock Street. Turn north (left) onto Babcock Street and continue to University Boulevard. Florida Tech will be on your left.

FROM U.S. 1: Turn west onto Route 192 (New Haven Avenue). Continue through the large intersection of Route 192 and Babcock Street to Country Club Road. Turn south (left) onto Country Club Road and continue approximately 1/2 mile until you reach the campus.

PARKING: For university orientation, please use the Clemente Center parking area.

FLIGHTS: Support the university by booking your flight at www.floridatechtravels.com



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Students cannot check-in to the university until the scheduled check-in date established for their term. If you arrive prior to your scheduled check-in date, please make arrangements for accommodations. Below is a list of local hotels, their contact numbers and their distances from Florida Tech.

Courtyard by Marriott

2101 West New Haven Avenue, West Melbourne, FL 32904
(321) 724-6400

Across from Melbourne Square Mall

Online Reservation Codes:

Weekday: FITC/FITH King/2 Queen

Weekend: FLHH/FLHI King/2 Queen

Crowne Plaza Hotel Melbourne Oceanfront

2605 North A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903
(321) 777-4100

Beachside

Online Reservation Code: ILTRN

Doubletree Guest Suites Melbourne Beach Oceanfront

1665 North A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903
(321) 723-4222

Beachside

Online Reservation Code: 0002222233

Hampton Inn (Hilton Affiliate)

194 Dike Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904
(321) 956-6200

I-95 Exit 180, one block east of the Interstate on US-192, across from Denny's.

Online Reservation Code: 0560022485

Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront

3003 North A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903
(321) 777-5000

Beachside

Online Reservation Code: 0227611

Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place

200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 768-0200 or (800) 437-8010

Close proximity to Melbourne International Airport

Online Reservation Code: NO227611

Howard Johnson

4431 West New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32904
(321) 768-8439

I-95 Exit 180. Go East on 192 for 1/4 mile. Inn is on right.

No online reservation; please call hotel for pricing

Jameson Inn

890 Palm Bay Rd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905
(321) 725-2952

Located on Palm Bay Rd, left side, before the I-95 exit.

Online Reservation Code: 9FIT

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Got questions? We've got answers!

Regarding...	Contact...	Phone...	Fax...	E-mail...
Academic Policies	Registrar's Office	(321) 674-8118	Fax (321) 674-7827	registrar@fit.edu
Admission Status	Undergraduate Admission Office	(800) 888-4348 or (321) 674-8030	Fax (321) 674-8004	admission@fit.edu
	Graduate Admission Office	(800) 944-4348 or (321) 674-8027	Fax (321) 723-9468	grad-admissions@fit.edu
Computers/Network	Technology Support Center	(321) 674-7284		techsupport@fit.edu
E-mail Accounts	Technology Support Center	(321) 674-7284		techsupport@fit.edu
Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office	(800) 666-4348 or (321) 674-8070	Fax (321) 724-2778	finaid@fit.edu
Freshman Residency Requirement	Office of Student Life	(321) 674-8080	Fax (321) 728-3041	reslife@fit.edu
Housing/ Room Assignments	Campus Services Office	(321) 674-8076	Fax (321) 674-7444	fthousing@fit.edu
ID Cards	Campus Services Office	(321) 674-8076	Fax (321) 674-7444	fthousing@fit.edu
International Student Information	International Student and Scholar Services	(321) 674-8053	Fax (321) 728-4570	iss@fit.edu
Meal Plans	Campus Services Office	(321) 674-8076	Fax (321) 674-7444	fthousing@fit.edu
Orientation	Office of Student Life	(321) 674-8080	Fax (321) 674-7001	orientation@fit.edu
Panther Cash Account	Campus Services Office	(321) 674-8076	Fax (321) 674-7444	fthousing@fit.edu
Panther Pass	Office of Student Life	(321) 674-8080	Fax (321) 674-7001	pantherpass@fit.edu
Placement Testing/ Advanced Exams	Academic Support Center	(321) 674-7110	Fax (321) 674-8072	asc@fit.edu
Registration Procedures	Registrar's Office	(321) 674-8118	Fax (321) 674-7827	registrar@fit.edu
Residence Hall Policies	Office of Student Life	(321) 674-8080	Fax (321) 728-3041	reslife@fit.edu
Student Account	Bursar's Office (Student Accounting)	(800) 943-4348 or (321) 674-8199	Fax (321) 674-8148	studentacctg@fit.edu
Student Activities	Office of Student Life	(321) 674-8080	Fax (321) 728-3641	activities@fit.edu
Student Health Insurance	Campus Services Office	(321) 674-8076	Fax (321) 674-7444	fthousing@fit.edu
Time Payment Plan/ Payment Schedule	Office of Account Management	(800) 676-9250 or (321) 674-7428	Fax (321) 674-8903	studentacctg@fit.edu
Tuition and Fees	Bursar's Office (Student Accounting)	(800) 943-4348 or (321) 674-8199	Fax (321) 674-8148	studentacctg@fit.edu

VISIT US ON THE WEB

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