

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA AND FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM:  
A COMPARATIVE PROFILE

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<b>GOVERNANCE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board of Governors:</b> Article IX, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution was amended in 2002 to establish a statewide system of governance for all Florida public universities. As a result, the Florida Board of Governors was created in 2003 to operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the entire system consisting of eleven public universities. Responsibilities include defining the distinctive mission of each university and ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system.</li> <li>• <b>Local Trustees</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State Board of Education:</b> s. 1000.03(2)(b) FS: “With the exceptions of matters relating to the State University System, the State Board of Education shall oversee the enforcement of all laws and rules, and the timely provision of direction, resources, assistance, intervention, when needed, and strong incentives and disincentives to force accountability for results.”</li> <li>• (SB 1716) -S.1001.60 FS: “There shall be a single Florida College System comprised of the public postsecondary education institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3) that grant 2-year and 4-year academic degrees as provided by law.”</li> <li>• <b>Local Trustees</b></li> </ul>
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<p align="center"><i>MISSION</i></p> <p>1003.01(2) FS: “The mission of the state system of postsecondary education is to develop human resources, to discover and disseminate knowledge to extend knowledge and its applications beyond the boundaries of its campuses, and to develop in students heightened intellectual, cultural, and humane sensitivities; scientific, professional, and technological expertise; and a sense of purpose. Inherent in this broad mission are methods of instruction, research, extended training, and public service designed to educate people and improve the human condition.</p>	
<p>Each university has a distinctive mission, however, the following three components are common to all university missions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instruction (undergraduate, graduate, professional)</li> <li>• Research, with emphasis on state and national needs; to discover and disseminate knowledge</li> <li>• Service to the public</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to community needs</li> <li>• Providing lower-level undergraduate instruction and awarding associate degrees</li> <li>• Preparing students directly for careers requiring less than baccalaureate degrees</li> <li>• Providing student development services</li> <li>• Promoting economic development for the state</li> <li>• Providing upper level instruction and awarding baccalaureate degrees as specifically authorized by law</li> <li>• Community services that are not directly related to academic or occupational advancement</li> <li>• Adult general education</li> <li>• Recreational and leisure services</li>   <li>• SB 1716</li> <li>• S. 1001.60(2)(b)(2)(a) FS: Open door admissions policy for associate-level degree programs and workforce education programs; outreach to underserved populations; provide remedial education; comply with all provisions of the statewide articulation agreement per s. 1007.23 FS</li> </ul>
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<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	
<p><b>The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools</b> is the recognized regional accrediting body in the eleven U.S. Southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) and in Latin America for those institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees. Institutions are accredited at different levels, depending on the highest degree offered:  <i>Level I</i> – Associate Degree; <i>Level II</i> – Baccalaureate Degree; <i>Level III</i> – Master's Degree; <i>Level IV</i> – Master's Degree and Education Specialist Degree; <i>Level V</i> – Three or fewer Doctoral Degrees; <i>Level VI</i> – Four or more Doctoral Degrees</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One institution is accredited at Level II</li> <li>• Seven (7) institutions are accredited at Level VI</li> <li>• Five (5) institutions are accredited at Level V</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty (20) institutions are accredited at Level I</li> <li>• Ten (10) institutions are accredited at Level II (community colleges that offer baccalaureates)</li> <li>• ALL institutions offering baccalaureate degrees must be SACS Level II accredited</li> </ul>
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<b>TYPES OF DEGREES AWARDED</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate in Arts</li> <li>• Baccalaureate Degrees</li> <li>• Graduate Degrees (e.g., Masters, Doctorate level)</li> <li>• Professional Degrees (e.g., Law, Medical)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate in Arts</li> <li>• Associate in Science</li> <li>• Associate in Applied Sciences</li> <li>• Postsecondary Adult Vocational Certificate</li> <li>• Applied Technology Diplomas</li> <li>• College Credit Certificate</li> <li>• Bachelor of Science (Nursing, Education)</li> <li>• Bachelor of Applied Sciences (21 specialty areas; e.g., Supervision and Management, Paralegal studies, Fire Science Management, Veterinary Technology)</li> <li>• SB 1716: Additional baccalaureate program areas TBD; Graduate degrees prohibited.</li> </ul>
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<b>DEGREES AWARDED (2006 – 2007)</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">           Bachelors – 47,336 (<b>73%</b>)            Masters – 13,786 (<b>21%</b>)            Professional – 1,841 (<b>3%</b>)            Doctorate – 1,825 (<b>3%</b>)  <b>Total – 64,788</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">           AA Degrees – 33,836 (<b>50%</b>)            Voc/College Credit Certificates – 20,613 (<b>31%</b>)            AS Degrees – 11,403 (<b>17%</b>)            Bachelors Degrees – 570 (<b>1%</b>)            Educator Preparation Institute Program completers – 716 (<b>1%</b>)  <b>Total – 67,138</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comments/Notes/Additions</b></p>
<b>REMEDATION/COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</b>	
Prohibited (except for Florida A&M)	<p style="text-align: center;">Mandatory (lower division) remediation for students scoring below placement minimums.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comments/Notes/Additions</b></p>

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<p><b>ATHLETICS</b></p>	
<p>Institutions in both the SUS and the Florida Community College System offer intercollegiate and intramural athletics. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 regulates equal athletic opportunities for members of both sexes. 1000.05 FS also prohibits discrimination against students and employees in the Florida K-20 public education system; equality of access to athletic opportunities is outlined among other programs.</p>	
<p>Examples of athletic offered at SUS and Florida Community Colleges include:</p>	
<p><u>Intercollegiate:</u> Basketball, Tennis, Softball, Baseball, Volleyball, Football <u>Intramurals:</u> Flag football, Basketball, Soccer, Dodge ball</p>	<p><u>Intercollegiate:</u> Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Tennis, Swimming, Cross-country <u>Intramurals:</u> Flag football, Basketball, Soccer</p> <p align="center"><b>Comments/Notes/Additions</b></p>
<p><b>FINANCIAL AID (2005 – 2006)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pell Grant Awards: 59,389</li> <li>• Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award: 26,816</li> <li>• Bright Futures Medallion Scholars Award: 80,319</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pell Grant Awards: 125,847*</li> <li>• Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award: 1,534</li> <li>• Bright Futures Medallion Scholars Award: 26,941</li> </ul> <p>*In 2005-06, 68% of Pell Grants awarded in Florida were awarded to community college students</p> <p align="center"><b>Comments/Notes/Additions</b></p>

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<p align="center"><b>RESIDENCE HALLS</b></p> <p>1004.70(4)(a): Community college direct-support organizations: Activities; Restrictions: “A direct-support organization may, at the request of the board of trustees, provide residency opportunities on or near campus for students.”</p>	
<p>All public colleges and universities in Florida have on-campus housing options for students. The State University System of Florida is comprised of students that live either on- or off-campus.</p>	<p>Most of Florida community colleges <u>do not</u> offer on-campus housing. Many community college students are working adults who commute to classes. Three community colleges currently offer residence halls: Chipola College, Lake City Community College, and Hillsborough Community College.</p> <p align="center"><b>College/Notes/Additions</b></p>

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM  
INSTITUTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

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<b>ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<p><i>Competitive;</i> Admission decisions based on 1) high school graduation; 2) grade point average in academic core courses; 3) admissions test scores (SAT or ACT); and 4) course distribution requirements. These represent <u>minimum</u> requirements; universities are permitted to have higher admissions standards.</p> <p><i>A.A. Transfer Guarantee:</i> Based on a statewide Articulation Agreement, students who complete the AA degree will be admitted to the State University System (SUS) and will not have to repeat courses already satisfactorily completed at a community college. 35% of bachelor degree recipients in the SUS are transfers from community colleges (2007-08)</p>	<p><i>Open-door policy</i> for all lower division programs; admission to associate degree programs requires a standard high school diploma, a high school equivalency diploma (GED), select certificates of completion, or previously demonstrated competency in college-credit postsecondary coursework.</p>	<p><i>Admission to upper-division baccalaureate program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earned AA/AS degree from regionally accredited community college <b>or</b></li> <li>• Earned 60 hours of transfer credits from a college or university (includes completion of general education courses)</li> <li>• Meet minimum GPA requirements</li> <li>• Satisfactorily complete additional program prerequisite courses</li> </ul>
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<b>IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES, PER CREDIT HOUR</b>		
Undergraduate: \$111.43*  *Spring 2008	Maximum fees are established by the Florida State Board of Education and are lower than the fees established by the State University System: \$62.59 - \$71.98 (range, FY 2008-09)	Community College Baccalaureate: \$75.46
	<b>Comments/Notes/Additions</b>	
<b>CHARACTERISTICS OF UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION (2006 -2007)</b>		
Average Age – Lower Division: 19 Average Age – Upper Division: 22 Minority Enrollment: 36% Gender: 57% Female Undergraduate Part-time: 23% Undergraduate Full-time: 77%	Average Age of Student in College Credit Courses: 25 Minority Enrollment: 40% Gender: 61% Female Undergraduate Part-time: 63% Undergraduate Full-time: 37%	Community College with Baccalaureate Programs (by race/ethnicity and gender) White: 604 (58%) Hispanic: 256 (25%) Black: 139 (13%) Alien: 14 (1%) Asian: 8 (<1%) American Indian: 4 (<1%) Female: 863 (83%) Male: 162 (16%) Unknown Race/Ethnicity/Gender: 16 (1%)
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