

# *Fast Facts* *2010-2011*



FRANCIS MARION  
UNIVERSITY

## History

Founded in 1970, Francis Marion University is named in honor of South Carolina's Revolutionary War hero, General Francis Marion, who was nicknamed "The Swamp Fox" for using the terrain to outfox the British.

Today, FMU is one of South Carolina's 13 four-year, state-supported universities. Classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a master's level university, FMU takes pride in providing a strong liberal arts education in a broad range of undergraduate majors. The University also offers professional schools in education and business, as well as graduate programs in business, education and psychology.

## Accreditation

Francis Marion is fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award bachelor's and master's level degrees. The University is approved by the South Carolina State Board of Education and is a member of the American Council on Education and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

## The Campus

Located about seven miles east of Florence, S.C., the campus is situated on 400-wooded acres of beautiful foliage and landscaping. Campus facilities are valued at more than \$213 million and include modern classroom buildings, laboratories, and residence halls – all in a safe, comfortable learning environment. The University also has a number of recreational facilities that are available for use by students, faculty, staff and alumni, and for use in intramural and intercollegiate competition.

All major buildings have been constructed or renovated since 1970. Major facilities are equipped with ramps, and those of more than one story are equipped with elevators. Though each building has its own stamp of individuality, all are planned for architectural harmony.

## The City and Region

Florence is the economic and cultural center of the Pee Dee region, an eight-county area located in the beautiful northeastern section of South Carolina. At the crossroads of I-95 (north and south) and I-20 (east and west), the Florence area is one of the fastest growing in the United States.

## Library

James A. Rogers Library, named in honor of the first chairman of the State College Board of Trustees, opened in 1971. The library houses a collection of over 408,000 volumes, 1,100 current subscriptions, 500,000 microforms and provides electronic access to 21,000 full-text journals, 30,000 electronic books and 75 electronic databases providing access to information from almost anywhere. Membership

in PASCAL, the statewide academic library consortium, provides access to millions of articles and to a statewide virtual library of over 10 million volumes. The library seats 600, contains 77,000 square feet and is open 85 hours each week.

## FMU Foundation

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund to promote the educational mission and welfare of the University. Its focus includes scholarship support for students, support for instruction and faculty development.

The FMU Foundation is governed by an independent volunteer board of directors and has over \$22 million in assets. The Foundation Office is located in the FMU Education Foundation and Non-Profit Consortium Building, located on Highway 76, west of the main campus. Several non-profit organizations are members of the Non-Profit Consortium, including NESAs (North Eastern Strategic Alliance), Francis Marion Trail Commission, Pee Dee Land Trust, and ScienceSouth. For more information, contact the Foundation Office, 843-661-1295.

## Alumni Association

There are 17,811 graduates of Francis Marion University, 79% of whom live in South Carolina. Major events include Homecoming activities, the alumni appreciation dinner, and the annual membership campaign. Special events are designed to promote and encourage interaction of alumni involved in volunteer activities, social activities, member services, and philanthropy. The Association also offers opportunities for alumni partnership with Admissions programs and mentoring of current FMU students. The Alumni Association distributes, in conjunction with the Public Affairs Office, bi-annual publications to the entire alumni base. These publications, along with website content, are designed to keep alumni informed of events and happenings at the University and within the alumni community. For more information, call 843-661-1228.

## Pee Dee Education Center

The Pee Dee Education Center is located on the south end of the FMU campus. The Center is a regional educational consortium serving 19 area school districts, 72,000 students and 5,000 teachers. Francis Marion University works closely with the Pee Dee Education Center to provide resources and services to school districts in the Pee Dee, such as the Coastal Pee Dee Mathematics and Science Regional Center which is housed in the facility. The building also provides space for the FMU School of Education's Center of Excellence. For more information, contact the Pee Dee Education Center at 843-669-3391 or through web portal: [www.pdec.net](http://www.pdec.net).

## Intercollegiate Athletics

The Francis Marion University intercollegiate athletics program sponsors 12 sports, six each for men and women. The Patriot women's soccer team and the men's golf team both compete as NCAA Division I independents, while the remaining sports teams compete in the NCAA Division II Peach Belt Conference. Seven of the University's squads advanced to NCAA post-season competition during the 2009-10 year. In its short 40-year history, Francis Marion has captured five national championships in three different sports and garnered 52 conference or district titles. The Peach Belt Conference, in only its 21st year of existence, has produced 29 NCAA Division II national champions and 25 national runners-up. The PBC consists of 13 members, with schools in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Francis Marion University is a two-time recipient of the Commissioner's Cup, signifying the best all-around program in the conference. FMU annually ranks among the conference leaders in the number of student-athletes named to the PBC Presidential (academic) Honor Roll, which requires a 3.0 grade point or B average.

## Student Body

Ninety-five percent of FMU students come from South Carolina, and many are the first in their families to attend college.

The majority of them come from the Pee Dee region of the state, the immediate area served by the University. The average age of undergraduates is 22, while the average age of graduate students is 35. Approximately 1,530 students live in on-campus residence halls or apartments.

Average Class Size	
100-200 Lower Level Classes	23
300-400-500 Upper Level Classes	20
<b>Average Overall</b>	<b>21</b>

## Enrollment (Fall 2010)

**Total 4,032**

Undergraduate	3,771	Men	1,299
Graduate	261	Women	2,733
In-State	3,837	Full-time	3,448
Out-of-State	195	Part-time	584

White, not of Hispanic origin	1,963
Black, not of Hispanic origin	1,782
Hispanic	36
Asian or Pacific Islander	44
American Indian or Alaskan Native	19
Internationals	48
Unknown	140

S.C. Counties Represented	45
States Represented	33
Countries Represented	17

## Faculty

**Total 265** Full-Time 205 Part-Time 60

Percentage with terminal degree 79 percent  
Student-Faculty Ratio 15:1

## Staff

**Total 324** Full-Time 291 Part-Time 33

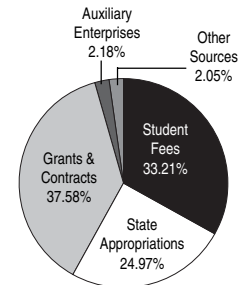
## Fees & Expenses

Educational costs at Francis Marion University are among the lowest in South Carolina as well as one of the best educational buys for out-of-state students. FMU's tuition for a typical full-time South Carolina undergraduate student is \$4,072.50 per semester, while tuition for a typical out-of-state undergraduate student totals \$8,145.00 per semester.

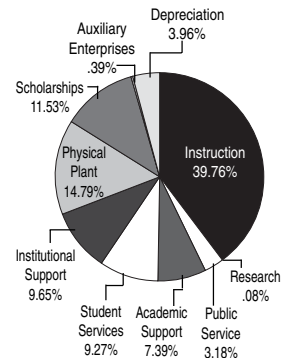
For a complete fee schedule including nursing and graduate student fees, visit our website at [www.fmarion.edu/about/fees](http://www.fmarion.edu/about/fees). Housing and meal plan costs are also available at the website or by contacting the Office of Admissions.

## 2009-2010 Finances

Sources of Funds	Amount
Student Fees	\$17,817,052
State Appropriations	13,396,887
Grants and Contracts	20,157,984
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,171,912
Other Sources	1,098,552
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,642,387</b>



Areas of Expenditure	Amount
Instruction	\$21,328,387
Research	42,779
Public Service	1,707,396
Academic Support	3,965,663
Student Services	4,972,188
Institutional Support	5,174,352
Physical Plant	7,934,635
Scholarships	6,183,426
Auxiliary Enterprises	208,585
Depreciation	2,124,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,642,387</b>



## Degrees Offered

Francis Marion offers the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of General Studies
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Education
- Master of Science in Applied Psychology
- Specialist in School Psychology

The FMU School of Business partners with MUSC to offer the MBA with a concentration in Health Management.

## Programs of Study

Accounting	International Studies
Art Education	Management
Biology	Management Information Systems
Business (General)	Marketing
Business Economics	Mass Communication
Chemistry	Mathematics*
Computer Science	Middle-Level Education
Early Childhood Education	Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish)
Economics	Music Industry
Elementary Education	Nursing
Engineering - dual degree	Physics
Engineering Technology	Political Science
English*	Psychology
Finance	Sociology
General Studies	Theatre Arts
Health Physics	Visual Arts
History	

Several pre-professional programs are also available.

\*Teacher certification option available

## Cooperative Majors and Programs

Degrees earned at Francis Marion University

- Civil and Electronic Engineering Technology  
(B.S. - Major offered through cooperative arrangements with South Carolina Technical Colleges, no minor or collateral)
- Medical Technology  
(B.S. in Biology with emphasis in Medical Technology)

## Degrees earned at other institutions

The University offers a curriculum which will prepare a student for transferring to another institution for completion of the professional degree.

- Wildlife and Fisheries Biology  
(Offered through cooperative arrangement with Clemson University, no minor or collateral)
- Engineering - Dual Degree  
(Offered through cooperative arrangement with Clemson University, no minor or collateral)
- Forest Resources  
(Offered through cooperative arrangement with Clemson University, no minor or collateral)

## Interdisciplinary Programs

Criminal Justice	Honors Program
Environmental Science	Non-Profit Management
Gender Studies	

Francis Marion University provides exchange programs in cooperation with universities in Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, and Mexico. Contact the FMU Office of Admissions for more information.

## Student Housing

The Housing and Residence Life program promotes academic success by providing modern, attractive facilities in a safe campus environment. With housing for over 1,500 students in both traditional residence halls and apartments, FMU provides a variety of residential options that meet students' needs throughout their collegiate career. Conveniently located near dining facilities, recreational amenities, and academic buildings, student housing at FMU is a popular option for many students.

## Campus Tours

Campus tours are available by appointment at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. From Sept. 1 until May 1, tours are also offered on select Saturdays. Appointments should be made for all tours by calling 843-661-1231.

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## Contact Us

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• Admissions	843-661-1231
• Alumni Affairs	843-661-1228
• Athletics	843-661-1240
• College of Liberal Arts	843-661-1286
• Community Affairs	843-661-1225
• Financial Assistance	843-661-1190
• Foundation	843-661-1295
• FMU Main Number	843-661-1362
• Housing/Residence Life	843-661-1330
• Library	843-661-1300
• Police (Campus)	843-661-1109
• President's Office	843-661-1210
• Provost/Graduate Office	843-661-1281
• Public Affairs	843-661-1220
• Registrar	843-661-1175
• School of Business	843-661-1419
• School of Education	843-661-1460
• Student Affairs	843-661-1182

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