

2019

# NEW STUDENT GUIDE

Higher Education | Florida State University

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THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

*Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies*

**HESA**  
Higher Education Student Association  
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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# WELCOME

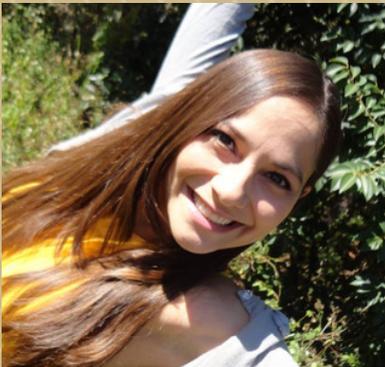
## FROM THE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM



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# GETTING STARTED

## ACADEMIC ADVISING & REGISTRATION

Academic advising for new students takes place during the higher education orientation program. It is not necessary to contact your adviser before Orientation. New graduate student registration does not open until the day of Orientation, so registration is on the Orientation schedule.

The first semester of study typically involves a fairly standard set of courses dependent on your degree program. Seats for your classes will still be available when you register, so you don't need to worry about missing any deadlines.

You were assigned an adviser at admissions (check your admissions email) and you are welcome to reach out to them if you have any questions, but it is not required. Due to advising loads, some advisers may change, but that information will be available at Orientation. Once you get into your studies you may change your adviser depending on interests (and this is pretty common for doctoral students).

Course registration will occur during Orientation on Monday, August 19, 2019.

Before Orientation, to register for classes, you MUST:

- Submit your completed immunization forms
- Submit proof of health insurance or purchase FSU's student insurance

*If you have questions about health insurance or immunizations, please contact University Health Services.  
(850) 644-6230  
[studentinsurance.fsu.edu](http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu)*

## Advising

Advising throughout the year is largely dependent on student needs. Advising materials, complete with suggested timelines, are available for students in order to help promote great conversations and opportunities for students and their advisers to work together to ensure a prosperous working relationship and successful school year.

## Handbooks

You will receive an official program handbook at orientation. This handbook outlines the academic guidelines for your program of study.

The handbook will also be made available online. Learn more about the program and HESA at [www.fsuhesa.org](http://www.fsuhesa.org).



Current and former doc students and faculty at the 2018 ASHE Conference in Tampa, Florida.

# ORIENTATION 2019

## WHAT, WHEN, & WHERE?

### Schedule

We are excited to have you joining us at Florida State. FSU is one of the top Higher Education programs in the country, and that legacy continues with you.

The goal of orientation is to help you get acquainted with Tallahassee, with our beautiful campus, and to introduce you to the faculty and your new classmates.

We will have various sessions with various speakers to help ensure a smooth transition.

#### Register for Orientation

The cost for Orientation this year is \$30 as food, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Register online by **August 9** so we can accommodate your needs at Orientation. Orientation is required for all first-year students. Visit **HE Orientation 2019**

#### Graduate School Orientation

Attending FSU's New Graduate Student Orientation on 8/20 is *strongly encouraged*.

**Info & Registration:**

<https://fla.st/2KH5Z8H>

Sunday,  
August 18

**5:00 PM** Master's Social & Dinner, hosted by HESA  
*Location TBD*

**5:30 PM** Doc Social & Dinner, hosted by HESA  
*Location TBD*

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*ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.*

*You will receive a final schedule upon arrival.*

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*Orientation will take place in Stone Building.*

Monday,  
August 19

**9 AM** Florida Residency-  
**required for out-of-state students**

**10 AM** Check-In & snacks

**10:30 AM** Welcome

**10:50 AM** Faculty introductions

**11:15 AM** Breakout Sessions  
*MS: Adviser Meet & Greet*  
*Doc: Student Panel*

**12 PM** Breakout Sessions  
*MS: Student Panel*  
*Doc: Adviser Meet & Greet*

**1 PM** Lunch with Faculty

**2:15 PM** Breakout Sessions  
*MS: Course Registration & Tech*  
*Doc: I'm a doc student, now what?*

**2:45 PM** Breakout Sessions  
*MS: I'm a MS student, now what?*  
*Doc: Course Registration & Tech*

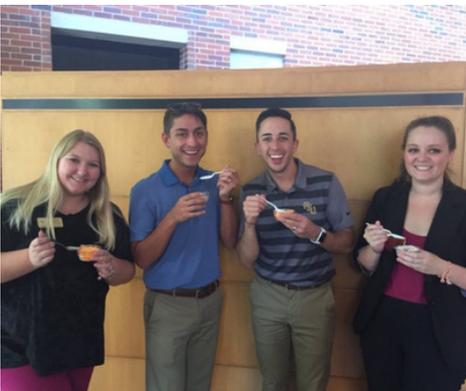
**3:15 PM** FSU Resources

**4 PM** Closing and Hardee Presentation

**4:30 PM** Tour of Stone Building



HESA is a board tasked with representing the voices of graduate students in the Higher Education program at FSU by serving as a liaison between students, faculty, and university constituents. HESA supports the academic progress, professional development, and social integration of all Higher Education students.



## What Do We Do?

You will remember us from Visiting Days as we helped you get introduced to the program. You will see us again at orientation to welcome you, the newest cohort, to the LifeNet!

We are also an important part of your connections here at FSU. **We are your voice** for any program comments, concerns, or shouts of praises! Join our bi-weekly meetings to share your voice and dive into discussions on student affairs topics.

**We are also your social outlet** from fun to professional development! We've had cookouts, pool days, trivia nights, movies, and other socials. Our professional development topics range from writing to job placement workshops, depending on our students! Follow our social media to stay connected!



## 2019-2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Doctoral Chair: Jenni Batchelder

Master's Chair: Ashley Archer Doehling

Administrative Chair: Christina Archipolo

Finance Chair: DaShawn Dilworth

### HESA Coordinators!

Master's Events Coordinators:

Maya Azart & Satcha Sanon

Doctoral Events Coordinator:

Courtney Francis

Doctoral Visiting Days Coordinator:

Docs: This Could Be You!

Master's Visiting Days Coordinators:

London Judge & Kiah Albritton

Communications Coordinators:

Hannah Mizell & Erin Jones

*First-Year Representatives coming in Fall 2019 Elections*

Excited to see you soon!!!



## CONNECT WITH HESA

Connect with your cohort and current students on Facebook!

Master's page

<https://bit.ly/2GGgeYo>

Doctoral page

<https://bit.ly/2LI7Kd0>



FSU HESA



@FSU\_HESA



[www.fsuhesa.org](http://www.fsuhesa.org)

Connect  
with Us!

## HESA DUES

Support your experience through HESA dues: Dues fund your "Lifetime" membership in HESA, which provides programming like Orientation, social events, and professional development sessions. Dues are not required, but encouraged so events are free during your time at FSU. We suggest paying the one-time \$75 dues in August to support activities during Orientation and throughout your years at FSU.

Payments will be accepted by mail, online, or by bring a check/money order with you to Orientation made to "FSU Foundation/HESA." Our online link will come in July!

FSU HESA

1114 West Call Street

PO Box 3064450

Tallahassee, FL 32306

# OUR FACULTY

## BRAINS OF THE OPERATION



**Dr. Lara Perez-Felkner** (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is an associate professor and Higher Education Program Coordinator, an affiliated faculty member in FSU's department of sociology, an affiliate of the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice, and senior research associate in the Center for Postsecondary Success. Her research examines the social context of schools in relation to adolescents' college and career outcomes. Dr. Perez-Felkner also serves on the President's Council for Diversity and Inclusion. In 2019, Dr. Perez-Felkner won the Graduate Faculty Mentor award from FSU's Graduate School.



**Dr. Tamara Bertrand Jones** (Ph.D., Florida State University) is an associate professor in the higher education program. Prior to joining the faculty, Dr. Bertrand Jones was coordinator of the Office of Research for student affairs at Florida State. Her research interests include assessment, culturally responsive evaluation, mentoring, and the transition of graduate students into junior faculty roles. She is founder and past president of Sisters of the Academy Institute, co-author of two books, and past recipient of the McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship.



**Dr. Cameron Beatty** (Ph.D., Iowa State University) is our new Assistant Professor in Higher Education and the Leadership Learning Research Center. Dr. Beatty's research explores the intersections of gender and race in leadership education, leadership development of students of color, and global leadership education for undergraduate students. He is a scholar passionate about deconstructing race, systemic racism, and hegemonic masculinity in postsecondary education environments.

# OUR FACULTY

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**Dr. Brad Cox** (Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University) is an associate professor in the higher education program. Previously, Dr. Cox served as the coordinator of research and public information at the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. He recently founded the College Autism Network and is currently directing a NSF funded study of autism among college students in STEM fields. He received the 2011 Outstanding Faculty Research Award from the college.



**Dr. Kathy Guthrie** (Ph.D., University of Illinois) joined the faculty in 2008 and is an associate professor of higher education. She leads the Leadership Learning Research Center and undergraduate certificate in leadership studies. Her research focuses on the learning outcomes and environment of leadership and civic education, online teaching and learning, and professional development for student affairs professionals. She is Associate Editor for the New Directions in Student Leadership series. She also recently published a children's book. In 2019, Dr. Guthrie was awarded the Contribution to Knowledge Award by ACPA.



**Dr. Shouping Hu** (Ph.D., Indiana University) is Louis W. and Elizabeth N. Bender Endowed Professor in the higher education program and founding director of the Center for Postsecondary Success at FSU. Dr. Hu has authored more than 60 journal articles and book chapters, and has served on the editorial boards of *Journal of Higher Education*, *Educational Researcher*, *Research in Higher Education*, *Journal of College Student Development*, and the *ASHE Higher Education Report* series.

# OUR FACULTY

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**Dr. Marianne Lorensen** (Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln) is a new Teaching Faculty member in the Higher Education Program working with the Leadership Learning Research Center. Dr. Lorensen most recently served on faculty at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where she taught leadership and career development courses. Her own career in higher education has focused on leadership education, student affairs, and service-learning.



**Dr. Christine Mokher** (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University) is an associate professor and is affiliated with the Center for Postsecondary Success. Before coming to FSU, Dr. Mokher was a senior research scientist for the Education division at CNA Analysis & Solutions. Her research expertise is in college- and career-readiness and student transitions from secondary to postsecondary education. Her publications can be found in magazines such as *Change: The magazine of Higher Learning*, *Educational Policy* and *Research in the Schools*.



**Dr. Robert "Bob" Schwartz** (Ph.D., Indiana University) joined the FSU faculty in 1998. Before coming to Florida State he was on the faculty the University of South Carolina. Dr. Schwartz is full professor. In 2017 Dr. Schwartz earned NASPA Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member. His research interests include issues of women and underrepresented populations in higher education. His book, *Deans of Men and the Shaping of Modern Student Culture*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2010. In 2019, Dr. Schwartz was awarded the 2019 Pillars of the Profession award by NASPA.



**Dr. Salley Watkins** (Ph.D., Florida State University) is visiting teaching faculty with the LLRC. She has taught a variety of the LDR courses offered at Florida State. Her research focuses on the history of leadership education at the collegiate level, socially responsible leadership development, and leadership learning and pedagogy. Additionally, Sally is interested in the history of higher education, institutional presidents, and career readiness.

# FLORIDA RESIDENCY 101

## A To Do List for Out-of-State Students

*If you are not already a Florida resident, it is very important that you take certain steps to establish residency as soon as you relocate to Tallahassee. **Becoming a Florida resident is required to be eligible for a tuition waiver for the 2020-2021 (and subsequent) academic year(s).***

### Step 1: Get your Florida driver's license

State law requires that you get your new Florida driver's license within 30 days of moving. Tallahassee has multiple locations in the city (by the way, they are called "Tax Collectors" in Florida, not DMVs). When you go, you will need to bring your current driver's license and a secondary form of ID, like a passport or birth certificate. See <http://www.gathergoget.com/> for more information on forms of ID. You'll also need proof of your new address, like a copy of your lease. You can expect to pay around \$50.00 for your new license.

Leon County Tax Collector  
Fees & Locations  
Checklist of Things to Bring

[www.leontaxcollector.net](http://www.leontaxcollector.net)

[www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov)

[www.gathergoget.com](http://www.gathergoget.com)

### Step 2: Declare Florida domicile

A Florida Declaration of Domicile confirms that you've broken ties with your previous state of residence. The form is available online if you want to fill it out ahead of time, but do NOT sign it! The form must be notarized, which they will do for you at the Leon County Clerk of Courts office. When you go, you'll need to take your new Florida license, proof of address, and \$15.00 in cash.

Clerk of Courts office address  
Website

301 S. Monroe St.

[www.clerk.leon.fl.us](http://www.clerk.leon.fl.us)

***You must complete your Declaration of Domicile before orientation check-in on August 20!***

### Step 3: Get your FSUCard

The FSUCard is your primary form of identification on campus. You may get your FSUCard at the office located in the Woodward Garage building, next to the FSU Bookstore and SunTrust Bank.

### Step: 4: Register your vehicle

Registering your vehicle in Florida the first time can be expensive, but you'll have to prepare to do it before your current registration expires. New Florida residents will have to pay initial registration fees, title transfer fees, and plate fees. The first time you register, this can all add up to \$300-400. After that, annual registration renewals are much more reasonable. For more information please see the following websites:

FL Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles  
Leon County Registration

[www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov)

[www.leontaxcollector.net](http://www.leontaxcollector.net)

# TALLAHASSEE, FL

## WELCOME HOME!

With a population of more than a quarter million people, Tallahassee combines progressive attitudes with old-fashioned charm amidst a backdrop of gorgeous scenery and lively athletics.

As Florida's capital and home of three higher education institutions, students find a bustling city full of unique opportunities. Social and cultural events, and outdoor festivities create lasting memories and lifelong friendships for our student body.

Tallahassee is home to 122 properties on the National Registry of Historic Places and offers a wide array of cultural experiences like museums, galleries, and historic sites. Both the city and FSU offer a selection of theater and dance productions, art shows, athletic events, recreation venues, and restaurants.



*The Old Capitol Building*



*Cascades Park*



*Tallahassee skyline at night*

## Learn more about Tallahassee

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| <a href="http://www.visittallahassee.com">www.visittallahassee.com</a>           | <a href="http://www.tallahasseearts.org">www.tallahasseearts.org</a> |
| <a href="http://livability.com/fl/tallahassee">livability.com/fl/tallahassee</a> | <a href="http://www.tal.gov">www.tal.gov</a>                         |
| <a href="http://www.talchamber.com">www.talchamber.com</a>                       | <a href="http://www.cocanet.org">www.cocanet.org</a>                 |
| <a href="http://www.choosetallahassee.com">www.choosetallahassee.com</a>         | <a href="http://www.tallahassee.com">www.tallahassee.com</a>         |



*Orlando*  
*Disney, Universal, Harry Potter World,*  
*just 4 hours away*



*Wakulla Springs State Park*  
*10 miles south of Tallahassee*



*St. George Island*  
*Quiet white sand beaches*  
*just 1.5 hours away*

# UTILITIES & BANKING

## LIVING IN TALLAHASSEE

### Internet, cable, & telephone

 [www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)  
(888) 266-2278

[www.centurylink.com](http://www.centurylink.com)  
(866) 904-1817



### Satellite television



[www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)  
(855) 837-4388

[www.dish.com](http://www.dish.com)  
(888) 610-2814



### City utilities

Besides TV, phone, and internet, all other utilities are offered through the City of Tallahassee, including water, electric, gas, sewage, trash, and recycling. Some rural areas around Tallahassee are served by Waste Pro and Talquin Electric, so check with your landlord/community.

**City of Tallahassee**  
Your Own Utilities<sup>SM</sup>

M-F 8:00 am - 5:30 pm  
(850) 891-4968

Utilities may be set up before you move in. To do so, contact the city at least two weeks ahead of your arrival.



[www.talgov.com/you](http://www.talgov.com/you)

### Local banking

There are several national and regional banks in Tallahassee, in addition to the FSU Credit Union. Also, your FSUCard may be used as a debit card in collaboration with SunTrust Bank. To learn more about using your FSUCard as a debit card, visit: <http://fsucard.fsu.edu/suntrust-banking>. For other banking options, see contact information below or search the web.

FSU Credit Union	(850) 224-4960	<a href="http://www.fsucu.org">www.fsucu.org</a>
SunTrust Bank	(850) 644-7777	<a href="http://www.suntrust.com">www.suntrust.com</a>
Wells Fargo	(850) 425-2500	<a href="http://www.wellsfargo.com">www.wellsfargo.com</a>
Bank of America	(850) 385-4473	<a href="http://www.bankofamerica.com">www.bankofamerica.com</a>
Regions Bank	(850) 222-3727	<a href="http://www.regions.com">www.regions.com</a>
Chase	(850) 895-8330	<a href="http://www.chase.com">www.chase.com</a>

# FAQ

## WE KNOW YOU'LL ASK

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### **When are classes held?**

Graduate classes at FSU are typically held M-Th in the evenings from 3:35-6:20 PM and 6:45-9:30 PM; doctoral students may have one class on Friday mornings. Courses are generally one night per week. Some course times may differ slightly depending on the professor and whether the class taken is outside the higher education program. Summer classes may be held earlier in the day and may be held twice per week, depending on the session. Nine credits (typically three courses) constitutes a full load for full-time graduate students on assistantship.

### **When will I register for classes?**

You will register for classes during orientation. Be sure you have no holds on your account (medical, financial, etc) for a smooth registration. Current higher education students will help guide you through the process and you will be provided a program handbook (available online in August).

### **When do I sign my contract and do HR paperwork?**

This will vary depending on the office in which you work and your start date. Speak with your supervisor to confirm. You should plan to have two forms of government-issued identification ready (driver's license/state ID, birth certificate, social security card, and/or passport). Your social security card may be required, so make sure to bring it!

### **Is there student health insurance available?**

Every full-time Florida State University student must show proof of comparable health insurance prior to registration once each year. As a requirement for the Health Insurance Subsidy, insurance must be purchased through University Health Services. In the past a health insurance subsidy has been available to graduate assistants and there are payment plans.

Health Insurance Subsidy Info: <http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu/funding-awards/subsidy-benefit>

Student Health Insurance Info: <http://healthcenter.fsu.edu/insurance/insurance.html>

### **Will I get paid over the summer?**

Assistantships may offer 9- or 12-month contracts. Be sure to check with your supervisor early to clarify your contract dates and waiver coverage. If you do not have an assistantship over the summer you will not receive a tuition waiver.

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### **I'm a FSU or State employee. Where do I find tuition/fee waiver info, forms, and deadlines?**

FSU Employee Tuition Funds & Forms:

[http://www.hr.fsu.edu/PDF/Forms/benefits/EmpTuitionScholarship\\_print.pdf](http://www.hr.fsu.edu/PDF/Forms/benefits/EmpTuitionScholarship_print.pdf)

State of Florida Employee Tuition Waiver: [http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/waivers/state\\_employee/](http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/waivers/state_employee/)

### **Do I need to buy all the books for my classes?**

You will absolutely need to have all required textbooks for every class, as reading and discussion are a critical part of doctoral-level courses. The FSU Bookstore has a price-match guarantee and offers rentals on many textbooks. Some textbooks will be made available for checkout from the University library.

### **What kind of computer and software do I need?**

Technically speaking, owning your own computer is not required, but you will want one. All active FSU students receive a free subscription to Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus, just download it from the Information Technology Services website. There are several public computer labs on campus, including the Scholar's Commons in Strozier Library. You will need access to various software programs like Stata and SPSS, and these are available both in campus computer labs and via the College of Education's Virtual Lab.

### **Best places for coffee?**

Campus has two Starbucks locations and Dunkin' Donuts is right next to campus on Copeland St. Local favorite coffee shops (with free wifi!) include Lucky Goat, Craig's Killer Coffee, Catalina Cafe, and Red Eye. Black Dog at Lake Ella is also a favorite, but only offers wifi on weekdays.

### **What about the best places to study?**

See 'best places for coffee'. Also, Strozier Library is home to the Scholar's Commons on the basement level. This floor is designed as a quiet study space for graduate students. It hosts group study rooms that are free and easy to reserve online, and has plenty of computers with statistics software. The "Doctors Inn" at the College of Medicine is quiet and features RedEye Coffee and a patio. There are also computers with software available in the COE Learning Resource Center.

### **What is the LifeNet?**

The LifeNet is just one of the perks of earning your graduate degree in the higher education program at Florida State University. The LifeNet is an international network of FSU higher education students, alumni, faculty, and friends who provide support and resources. Whether you are pursuing further education, research, or professional mentoring, the LifeNet will be there!

# THE HARDEE CENTER

## WELCOME TO THE LIFENET



*Dr. Melvene Hardee*



*2017 Hardee Fellows*

### **The Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education**

The Hardee Center supports the academic and professional development of graduate students in the higher education program at Florida State University. The Center also coordinates and promotes the "LifeNet" of students, alumni, faculty, and friends of the program.

The Hardee Center is named for Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee, a former professor and co-founder of the higher education program, who was an admired educator, mentor, and national leader on issues of gender equity, leadership, values, and professional development in the field of higher education.

The Center sponsors programs, research, and service activities that promote leadership and ethics in higher education. The Center coordinates the induction ceremony for the Hardee Fellows, hosts the higher education graduate reception and hooding ceremony, and sponsors professional development opportunities for students throughout the year.

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### **Contact the Hardee Center**

✉ [coe-hardee@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:coe-hardee@admin.fsu.edu)  
🔗 [coe.fsu.edu/hardeecenter](http://coe.fsu.edu/hardeecenter)

1240D Stone Building  
tel (850) 644-5867



# FSU HISTORY

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF FLORIDA STATE

In 1823 the Legislature of the Florida territory began making plans for a system of higher education. Florida granted statehood two years later, and with it the federal government granted townships to the new state for the purpose of establishing two institutions of higher learning, with the caveat that one must be east of the Suwannee River, and the other west. In 1851 the state Legislature declared that two seminaries should be established, one for the education of women and the other for men.

Tallahassee, in an effort to lure the western institution, established the Florida Institute, believing that the campus could easily be re-purposed.

In 1857, the state Legislature granted Tallahassee one of the institutions, and the State Seminary West of the Suwannee River opened its doors to male students. A year later it would absorb the Tallahassee Female Academy and begin operating as a co-educational institution at its original location, where Westcott Hall now stands. Now called simply the West Florida Seminary, the institution would become the first liberal arts college in the state, and was re-named Florida State College in 1901.

In 1905, the state Legislature reorganized its higher education system, consolidating six institutions into two. The University of Florida in Gainesville would serve men and the Florida State College would serve women. In 1909 the college was re-named yet again, this time as the Florida State College for Women.



*College Hall, circa 1894*

The influx of men returning from World War II led the Legislature to declare both major state colleges co-educational once again, and re-named it The Florida State University in 1947. Today, FSU serves over 40,000 students on two campuses, operating more than 500 buildings on 1,550 acres. Florida State offers more than 275 degree programs in 16 colleges with a Carnegie classification of Doctoral/Research University-Extensive. FSU is home to one of only two U.S. college circuses, the Flying High Circus, and one of the world's most powerful magnets, located at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, in addition to one of the premier higher education graduate programs in the country.



*View from Westcott Hall looking down College Avenue, ca. 1920s*