



SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Path to Graduate School



ABOUT FSU

- Located in Tallahassee, Florida, the **state capital**
- Ranked **26 among national public universities** by U.S. News & World Report
- **1 of 3 preeminent universities** in the state of Florida
- Home to the **world-renowned National High Magnetic Field Laboratory**
- **Founded in 1851** with a student enrollment of 42,000
- **Over 2,400 international students** from more than 120 different countries and areas
- Ranked in the **top 10** among the most beautiful campuses in the U.S. in 2016



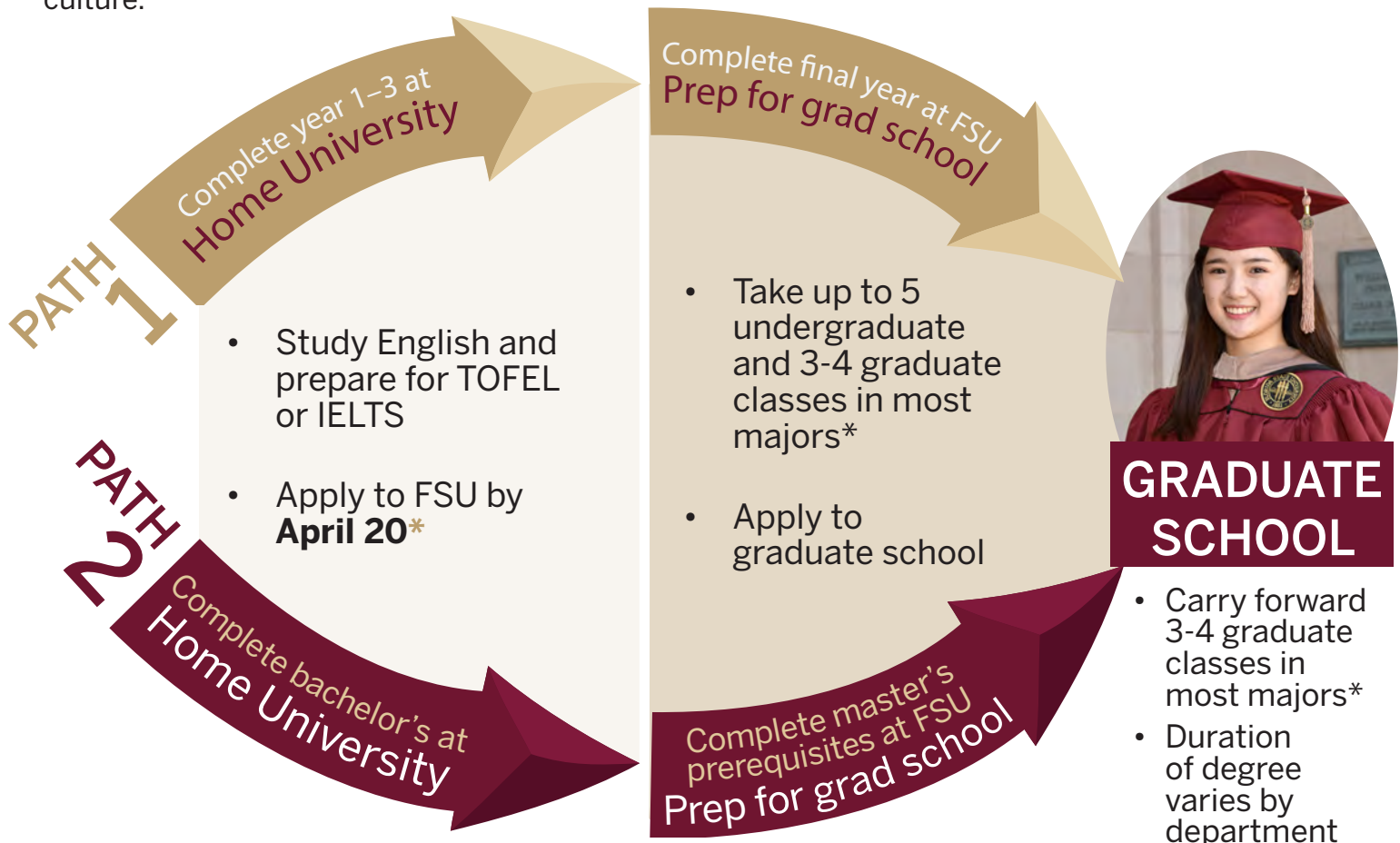
PROGRAM OVERVIEW



CHOOSE FROM 2 PATHS TO GRAD SCHOOL

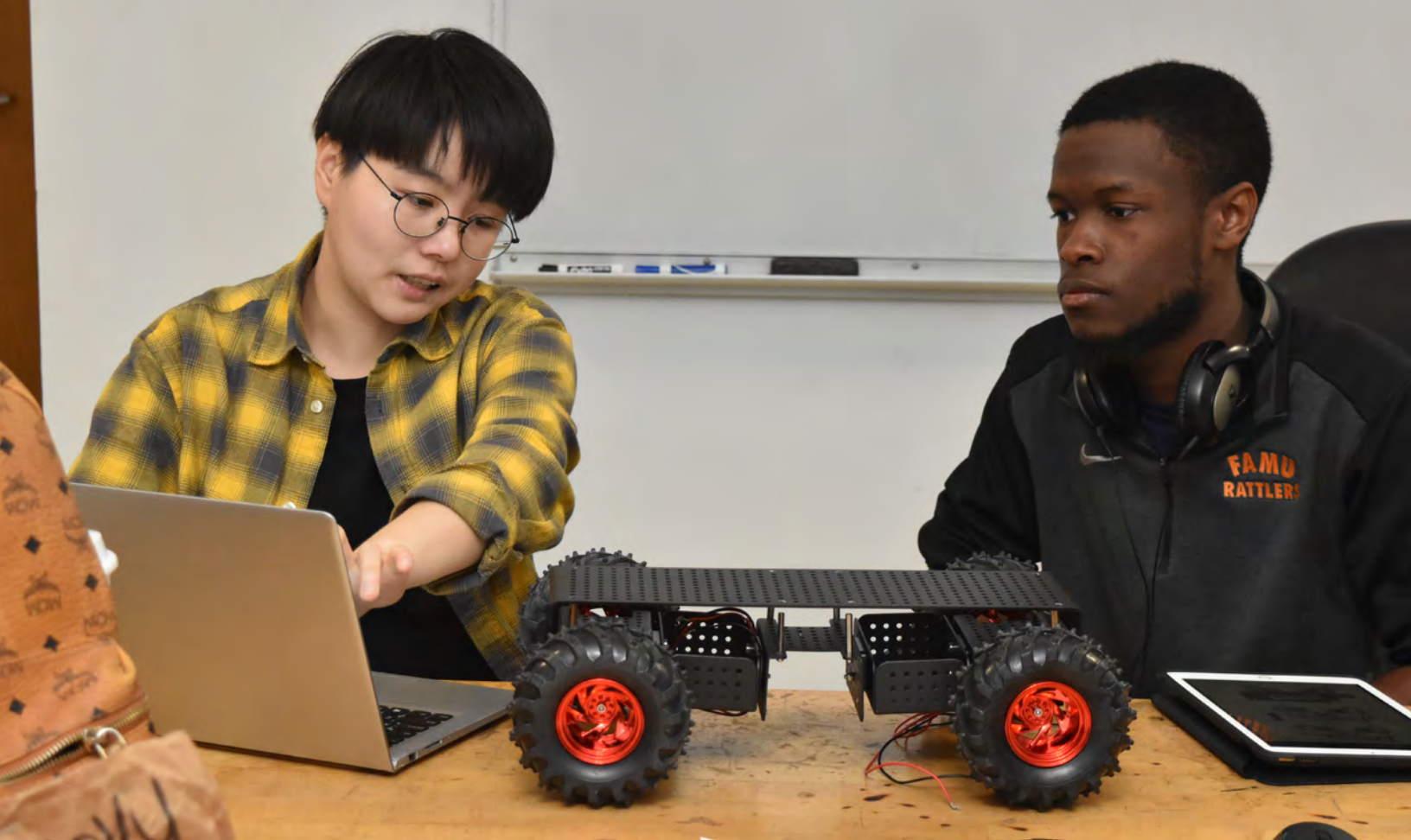
Path 1 (3+1+1): For **RISING SENIORS*** from FSU's partner universities who want to complete the final year of their bachelor's degree at FSU and graduate from their home university. For a list of current partner universities visit global.fsu.edu/sap.

Path 2 (4+1+1): For **RECENT GRADUATES** who are interested in a graduate program in the U.S. and would benefit from a year to strengthen their academic skills and acclimate to American culture.



*All students must apply by April 20 to begin the program in August.

*Talk to the program director about which FSU classes can count toward your graduate degree program.



AVAILABLE MAJORS

Engineering Campus

Engineering

- Chemical: bit.ly/chem-bio-eng
- Civil & Environmental: bit.ly/civil-eng
- Electrical & Computer: bit.ly/ece-eng
- Industrial & Manufacturing: bit.ly/ime-eng
- Mechanical: bit.ly/me-eng

Main Campus

Social Sciences

- Public Administration: bit.ly/sap-pad

Business

- Finance: bit.ly/sapfin
- Marketing/General Business: bit.ly/sap-bus

Communication: bit.ly/sap-comm

- Media & Communication
- Advertising & Public Relations

*Use links for course information and sample schedules of fall and spring courses.



STUDENT SUCCESS & RETENTION

- Complete prerequisite classes for graduate study while earning credits toward your future master's degree program*!
- Meet and work with FSU faculty members to help you choose a research supervisor!
- Learn how to succeed in a U.S. graduate program!
- Complete your bachelor's degree while preparing for your master's degree program!



RETENTION

98% of participants who applied for the master's degree program at FSU were admitted.

94% of participants were admitted to graduate programs or internships in the US, UK or Australia after completing the program.
Of these, **85%** chose to remain at FSU.

94% of engineering and public administration participants applied to FSU for a master's degree program after completing the program.

25% have continued on to PhD programs at FSU.

*Business majors do not allow credit to transfer into the master's programs. These are already accelerated master's programs designed to be completed in 3 semesters (1 year).



"I am now a master's student at FSU studying public administration, which ranks among the top 30 MPA programs in the U.S.

This program allowed me to enroll in four graduate courses before I started my graduate program. It helped me prepare for my life as a graduate student and saved lots of time as well."

Yun Chen
Public Administration

ELIGIBILITY, DATES & COST

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- TOEFL iBT Test: 80 or IELTS: 6.5
- GPA: 3.0/4.0 or 3.75/5.0
- Senior or recent graduate

PROGRAM DATES

End of August – Beginning of May

PROGRAM COST


The Program Fee is \$31,500* and includes:

- Tuition for 2 semesters
- Housing
- Meals throughout the program (except during university breaks)
- Program support

In addition to the program fee, students are responsible for:

- SEVIS and visa application fees
- Flights
- Medical insurance
- Textbooks and personal expenses

*Program fee is subject to change. Check global.fsu.edu/sap for all current rates.



“This program helped me become a stronger candidate for graduate school because it let me experience American teaching style and campus life in the U.S.”

Xiaomin Xu
Finance



“We have the most professional director, a good environment for study, and the ability to make friends with other international students. You cannot miss this amazing program.”

Jiajian Wen
Finance

HOUSING AND MEALS

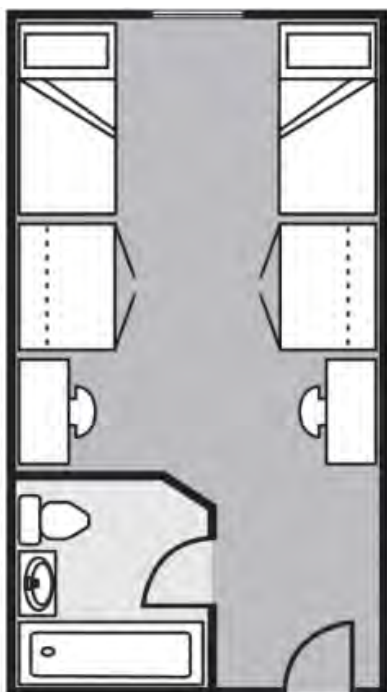


Students live in SouthGate Residence Hall conveniently located next to FSU's main campus.

Housing amenities & services (no extra charge):

- Fully furnished, including bed linens
- Private bathroom
- A/C and WiFi in all rooms
- Dining hall with unlimited meals plan
- Fitness center
- Housekeeping
- Receive packages in the building
- Study rooms
- Lounge with games and computers
- Bus stop directly outside
- 24-hour resident advisors
- Security on premises

Visit southgateattallahassee.com for more information.



Sample Floor Plan & Bedroom



SouthGate Lounge/Game Room



Study Room



All You Can Eat



Unlimited Buffet-Style Dining



Dining Room



Fitness Center

STAFF SUPPORT

Dedicated staff to help students excel academically, socially, and culturally:

Pre-arrival support

- FSU admissions process
- Visa and immigration assistance
- Immunization clearance

Arrival support

- Airport pickup
- Orientation and campus tours

Ongoing support

- Academic support
- Regular check-in meetings with CGE staff
- Organized activities, including shopping, sporting events and other activities
- Immigration workshops
- Intercultural communication and American classroom culture workshop

Transition to graduate school

- Support for master's degree applications
- Resume and personal statement writing workshops
- Guidance in searching for research supervisors

FSU Student Mentors

- Cultural resource to explain U.S. customs and answer questions
- Connect new students to other FSU students and student clubs
- Facilitate activities and excursions on campus and around Tallahassee



"The reason I love this program is that the support team is so awesome, and it helps a lot from every aspect in the U.S."

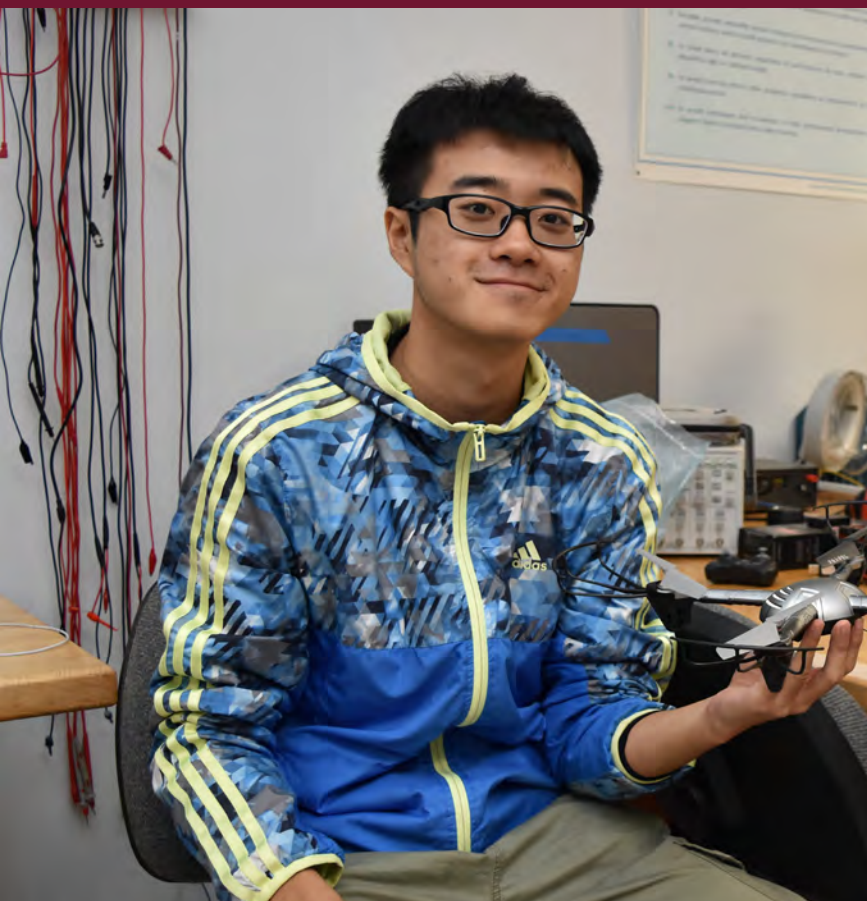
Chenxing Hu
Communication



OTHER STUDENT SERVICES

Student services:

- Career Center
- Health & Wellness Center on campus
- Counseling services
- Tutoring
- FSU Libraries



"If you want to enjoy American college life and gain professional knowledge about your major, FSU is a good choice for you."

Donghao Ye
Electrical Engineering

CAMPUS LIFE

Campus life:

- On-campus cinema
- Gaming center
- Student tickets to football, baseball, women's soccer, etc.
- Recreation center with olympic-sized pool
- Social events (dance parties, weekly International Coffee Hour, etc.)
- The Rez: a beautiful park with lake and outdoor activities
- FSU Circus
- Student performances (music, vocals, theatre, dance, etc.)





Sporting Events



FSU Circus



Gaming Center



On-campus Cinema



Rec Center with Olympic Pool



The Rez

“I appreciate this program, because I gained a lot. I had to read about 200 page articles per week, and it was a big challenge for me. Most of time it was like reading lots of separated letters. However, Jocelyn, the program director, used her free time to teach me how to read efficiently when she heard I was having trouble.

The other program staff helped me with other challenges I encountered. They also brought us to different school events to help us get to know American school culture well. I feel lucky that I attended this program.”

Jingwen Li
Public Administration



APPLY

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION: bit.ly/sapapply

Required uploads for the application:

- English Proficiency Score (TOEFL/IELTS)
- Transcript with English Translation

ADVICE FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS

Plan ahead:

- Begin studying English immediately
- Register to take the TOEFL/IELTS early; there is a 3-month wait time in China

Register your interest well in advance:

- Speak to your professors about the opportunity
- Contact the program team at FSU

Apply by the deadline: April 20!



"I think this program is very beneficial for the Chinese student who decides to go abroad. The staff here is very nice. They will help you to be familiar with the different culture and lifestyle. This program is not only about learning overseas, but also about getting the social experience. You will become more confident to overcome your master's degree program."

Zixuan Wang
Master's in
Business Administration

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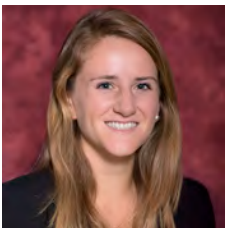


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