

# The Accelerated Collegiate Experience

## Florida Gulf Coast University

The ACE Program may be right for you if you are interested in a rigorous curriculum along with advanced scholarship and engagement in high-impact experiences (research, leadership, scholarly experiences, service, publication, presentations at professional conferences, etc.). The best candidates have met the minimum criteria and have demonstrated maturity, critical thinking, academic and service engagement. They also have an interest in leveraging resources at FGCU to advance their academic and career goals. In addition, a student applicant must feel confident about their ability to make sound decisions, manage their own time, take initiative, seek help when needed, communicate effectively and be willing to mature quickly into a student-professional role.

### The ACE Program:

- Is a university scholars program for high achieving high school juniors and seniors that allows students to begin their college career.
- Is a full time program at FGCU. Unlike part-time admission or other dual enrollment programs, students do not take any courses at the home high school. Instead, students will enroll in 12-16 credit hours at FGCU.
- Allows students to:
  - complete high school graduation requirements while earning college credit
  - participate in University activities
  - participate in high-impact practices (i.e. Research, Service, & Leadership Development)
- Admits new students each fall semester.



### Ideal Candidates are:

- High achieving
- Curious
- Highly motivated to learn
- Academically prepared
- Responsible
- Mature
- Driven
- Self-motivated
- Self-advocates
- Future focused & have a vision
- Resilient and persevere
- Ready to be involved at FGCU
- Not trying to escape high school
- Not afraid of challenge

**"The ACE program has done more than just shape me into the scholar I am today. This experience gave me the guidance, support, and direction I needed to understand my full potential and passions." - Chelsea Atkins '18**

# Minimum Criteria

- 4 semesters of high school
- ACE online application and supplemental forms
- Parent or guardian approval
- ACE Program Director and ACE Admission Review Committee approval
- Meet minimum **GPA**: Weighted 3.7 and Unweighted 3.0
- Attain minimum test scores on either the SAT or ACT:

## SAT

1140 total score  
and 500 on each subtest

## ACT

23 composite score  
and 20 on each subtest

72%

ACE students named to  
President's List or Dean's  
List for 2019-2020

3.5

Average GPA of ACE  
students while  
attending FGCU

99%

Graduating ACE seniors  
who said the program  
exceeded expectations  
(2019 survey)



# Benefits of the Program

- Tuition and fees are paid during participation in the program
- College credits are accepted at all Florida public universities
- Full access to free tutoring, learning, and career services
- Possibility to engage in research and other scholarly work
- Access to state-of-the-art laboratories
- Ability to build strong professional relationships via networking
- Collegiate academic and co-curricular portfolio building
- Priority class registration and meetings with Academic Advisors
- Ability to take Honors College course sections
- Automatic acceptance to FGCU upon successful program completion
- ACE scholarships (\$3000 or \$5000) if you remain at FGCU

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# 7 Steps to Admission

- 1 MEET WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR**  
Meet with your high school counselor to discuss eligibility and recommendation for the program.
- 2 CHECK OUT THE ACE WEBSITE**  
Visit [www.fgcu.edu/ace](http://www.fgcu.edu/ace) to learn more about the ACE Program and why it may or may not be right for you. While you're there check out some of our majors and programs.
- 3 ATTEND AN ACE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**  
Meetings are open to prospective students and parents. All dates are published on the ACE Admissions web page. Attendance at one Public Information Meeting is required as part of the application process.
- 4 CREATE AN FGCU ACCOUNT**  
Navigate to the [apply.fgcu.edu](http://apply.fgcu.edu) website and create an account as an undergraduate student. You will indicate your admit/student type as Accelerated Collegiate Experience, and your anticipated entry term as Fall 2019.
- 5 START AN APPLICATION**  
Login to your new FGCU Account and choose the "ACE Application." You will complete all of the prompts and indicate your high school status as "currently in high school or home school." There will be 3 essay questions at the end that will be heavily weighted when reviewing your application.  
*Please SAVE your application if you are not ready to submit, and ONLY Submit your application when it has been fully completed. Only one (1) application may be submitted.*
- 6 SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS**  
Upload to the website the following completed and signed forms:
  - Program Authorization Form
  - Third Party Authorization
  - Memo of Understanding
  - Personal Resume*Documents will not be accepted except through upload to your application account. Please make sure the forms are uploaded as one document, multiple documents will not be accepted through the application portal.*
- 7 SUBMIT OFFICIAL TEST SCORES & TRANSCRIPTS**  
All official SAT or ACT scores AND both your high school transcripts and other college transcripts need to be sent to the FGCU Undergraduate Admissions Office.  
*Applications will be canceled if official test scores and transcripts are not received within 60 days of application submission. You may log in and check your application status through the admissions site.*

## Application Timeline

**Application Opens &  
Supplemental Materials Available**

January 4, 2021

**Application Deadline**

March 31, 2021

**Decision Notifications**

May 3, 2021