Completing the Entrance Counseling

Step 1 - Log-in to https://studentaid.gov/

Step 2 - Enter your FSA ID or Email Address and FSA ID Password.
To look-up your FSA ID or password, visit: http://fsaid.ed.gov/ and enter your email address or phone number.
Step 3 – Once you have your FSAID and Password log-in to the website and From your Dashboard, select Complete Aid Process.

Then Select Complete Entrance Counseling
Step 4 – Click Start on the Graduate/Professional Student option.

I am a Graduate or Professional Student

Entrance counseling for graduate or professional students is required if you have not previously received a Direct Unsubsidized Loan or Direct PLUS Loan.

You're a graduate or professional student if you are enrolled in a program or course above the bachelor's degree level (such as a master's degree or Ph.D. program) or who is enrolled in a program leading to a professional degree (for example, J.D. or M.D.).

Entrance Counseling Overview

Entrance Counseling is required for students who have not previously received a subsidized/unsubsidized loan or PLUS loan (graduate/professional students only) under the Direct Loan Program or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

What You'll Learn and Do in Entrance Counseling

- Notify Your School
  Select the school(s) you'd like to notify of your counseling completion. If you'll be transferring schools, be sure to add those too.

- Learn What School Costs and How to Pay for It
  Understand what your education will cost and the options available to cover those costs, including borrowing federal student loans.

- Prepare for Successful Repayment
  Understand your repayment obligation and what it means to take out a federal student loan.

- Check Your Skills
  Review what you've learned with a few short knowledge checks.

Continue
**Step 5** - Select the School – on top menu Select Florida and then write Florida International University, click on “Notify This School” and select the Graduate/Professional option under the Select Student Type, then Continue.
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**Step 6** - At this step you will need to read all of the information and answer the questions, you will need to complete all modules of the counseling. This is the final step for the Entrance Counseling requirement. The federal student aid office will send FIU the electronic confirmation within 24-48 business hours from when you complete these documents. FIU can only receive the loan funds once all required loan documents have been completed.

**Entrance Counseling Modules**

- **Estimate the Cost of Your Education**
  - Learn about direct and indirect costs, and how managing your education costs can ultimately reduce your student loan burden.
  - Start

- **What’s in this module?**
  1. What is the total cost of your program?
  2. How your school’s cost of attendance is calculated

- **Paying for Your Education**
  - Learn the basics about financial aid, student loans, and what your options are.

- **What’s in this module?**
  1. Sources of aid you don’t have to repay
  2. Loan basics
  3. Types of student loans available

- **Federal Student Loans**
  - Understand what federal loans are, how they work and your rights and responsibilities if you accept them.

- **What’s in this module?**
  1. How federal student loans work
  2. Federal student loans types
  3. Max loan amounts and how loan money is paid out
  4. The federal student loan remorse
Completing the Master Promissory Note for Direct Unsubsidized & Direct Graduate Plus Loan

If you accept both direct loan offers, the Unsubsidized and Graduate Plus loan, you will be required to complete two separate Master Promissory Note (MPN), one for the Direct Unsubsidized and another for the Direct Graduate Plus Loan, as the term and conditions for the approval are different for each loan.

The funds of the Graduate Plus Loan are subject to a credit approval that will be performed by the Federal Student Aid Office upon you accepting the offer in your account at https://my.fiu.edu/. Borrowers whose credit approval of the Direct Graduate Plus Loan is due to an endorser/cosigner will be required to complete a new Graduate Plus Loan MPN after the credit check of the endorser is approved for each loan.

Completing the MPN for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Step: 1 Click Complete Aid Process, then select Graduate/Professional for Direct Unsubsidized Loans.
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**Step 2** - Begin with Step 1 of the process, “Information” and continue through step 5, “Review & Sign”. The federal student aid office will send FIU the electronic confirmation within 24-48 business hours from when you complete these documents. FIU can only receive the loan funds once all required loan documents have been completed.

Once you have completed the Unsubsidized MPN the federal student aid office will send FIU the electronic confirmation within 24-48 business hours from when you complete this documents. FIU can only receive the loan funds once all required loan documents have been completed by the student.
Completing the Master Promissory Note for Graduate Plus Loan

Step: 1 Click Complete Aid Process, then select Complete Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Select the MPN below that you want to complete. Graduate/professional students can be eligible for Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans, or both. You need to complete an MPN for each loan type you intend to receive.
**Step 2** - Begin with Step 1 of the process, “Information” and continue through step 5, “Review & Sign”. The federal student aid office will send FIU the electronic confirmation within 24-48 business hours from when you complete these documents. FIU can only receive the loan funds once all required loan documents have been completed by the student.

Once you have completed the Grad PLUS MPN the federal student aid office will send FIU the electronic confirmation within 24-48 business hours from when you complete this documents. FIU can only receive the loan funds once all required loan documents have been completed by the student.