

Institution Name: Florida State University

State: FL

Sector: 4-Yr Public

Program Name or Objective: Academic Interest Mapping (“Mapping”)

Primary Program Type: Degree mapping/Path to a Degree

Program Description: Mapping is Florida State University’s academic advising and monitoring system that provides students with a recommended eight-semester map for each major. The map is a plan for completing the bachelor’s degree in four years in most programs. Students’ academic progress is monitored Fall and Spring semesters to ensure that they are on course to earn their degrees within four years. Summer semesters are not included in degree mapping and may be used by students to either catch up or get ahead in their degree programs. Students are responsible for checking their own progress and are encouraged to contact their advisors with any questions concerning their programs of study. In addition, advisors will contact students who are not making appropriate progress. Students who intend to change their majors should do so as early as possible. This will enable appropriate advisor assignment and degree monitoring. Entering students are strongly encouraged to select their majors at the time of admission so that advising may be tailored to their specific program requirements. For those students who are divided in their interests, however, the University permits the option of an exploratory category. Students in this category are expected to declare a formal departmental major early in their second year of enrollment.

Secondary Program Type: Academic Advising, Tracking/Early Warning

Self-Reported Outcomes: Since starting degree maps, FSU has cut the number of students graduating with excess credits in half. In 10 years, FSU’s graduation rate for all students has increased 12%, to 74%. More significantly, the graduation rate for African Americans has increased to 77%, for first-generation Pell students to 72%, and for Hispanic students to more than 70%.

Undergraduate Population: 32,948

25th Percentile ACT Test Score (25% of students scored at or below): 26

Website or Contact: <http://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergrad/info/advising.htm>

Source: National Center for Education Statistics and Complete College America