



International Orientation

Fall 2018

Safety & Security



Important Numbers

✓ Emergency: 911

✓ Campus Security: (321) 674-8111

Save these to your phone's Contacts



Safety Tips

- ✓ Lock doors at all times
- ✓ Don't leave residence hall entrances open
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings at night
- ✓ Report crime/suspicious activities
- ✓ Security escorts available (within campus)



Alcohol & Drug Use Policies

- ✓ Legal age in the US to drink and possess alcohol is 21
- ✓ If caught, referred to law enforcement agency having jurisdiction
- ✓ Florida Tech has adopted a drug-free school and campus policy



Smoking Policy

- ✓ Florida Tech complies with the *“Florida Clean Indoor Air Act”*
- ✓ Smoking is prohibited inside all buildings
- ✓ Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of any building
- ✓ Electronic cigarettes are treated the same as regular cigarettes



Parking Regulations

- ✓ All motorized vehicles used on university property must be registered
- ✓ Vehicle registration at the cashier's office in Harris Commons
- ✓ For additional information:

<https://www.fit.edu/security/parking/>



Transportation:

Without A Car

Space Coast Area Transit Bus

- ✓ SCAT operates throughout Brevard County
- ✓ Bus reduced fare: 75 cents for 1-Ride
- ✓ No large luggage or packages
- ✓ Be at the stop 5 mins prior to the schedule
- ✓ Saving calculator
- ✓ More information can be found:
<http://www.ridescat.com>



ROUTE 1 - Melbourne/Titusville Connector

ROUTE 2 - Titusville

ROUTE 3 - Merritt Island

ROUTE 4 - 520 Connector

ROUTE 5 - Mims/Titusville

ROUTE 6 - Cocoa/Rockledge

ROUTE 7 - Rockledge/Viera

ROUTE 8 - West Cocoa

ROUTE 9 - South Beach

ROUTE 21 - Downtown Melbourne

ROUTE 22 - South Palm Bay

ROUTE 23 - West Palm Bay

ROUTE 24 - Melbourne

ROUTE 25 - Palm Bay Connector

ROUTE 26 - South Beach

ROUTE 27 - East Palm Bay

ROUTE 28 - North Melbourne

ROUTE 33 - Eau Gallie Arts District

Greyhound

- ✓ Best known for travelling interstate or out of state
- ✓ Places like Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa etc. are relatively inexpensive
- ✓ Tickets can be purchased at:
<http://www.greyhound.com>
(321) 723-4323



Taxi/Cabs (More Expensive Option)

- ✓ America Cab: (321) 725-2222
- ✓ Top City Taxi: (321) 557-0864
- ✓ Call A Cab: (321) 733-0700
- ✓ Brevard Yellow Cab: (321) 723-1234
- ✓ Brevard Checker Taxi: (321) 676-7000
- ✓ Patrick Taxi: (321) 777-7000
- ✓ Uber, Lyft-Phone apps



Top Advice

- ✓ Make sure you call them ahead of time
- ✓ Expect a waiting time of 10 to 25 minutes
- ✓ Call them back to make sure they will arrive on time
- ✓ Make sure they have the ideal payment option you want
- ✓ Don't forget to tip



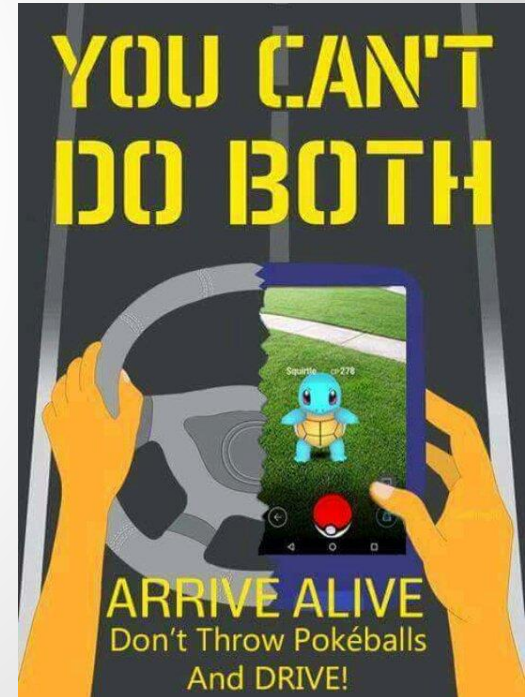
Bicycle Rentals on Campus

- ✓ Bike Rentals organized by the Student Government Association (SGA)
- ✓ FREE Rentals but student will need to sign a short (two week) agreement prior to bike rental
- ✓ Email your request to fltechsga@gmail.com
- ✓ SGA office location: Evans Hall



Carpooling

✓We recommend carpooling with a friend/ floormate/
roommate who has a car



Driver's License

How to get one in the U.S



Already have an International License?

✓ Call the DMV or schedule your appointment online

✓ Take your:

- Passport
- I-94 (printed out)
- I-20
- International driver's license
- Two proofs of residence
- Social security card (if applicable)
- Cash for the fee



Theory Test

- ✓ Test covers rules and regulations of driving in U.S (50 questions)
- ✓ Must Get 80% or higher to pass test
- ✓ Books and online resources available to prepare



Road Test

- ✓ After passing the theory test you must pass the road test
- ✓ You will need a vehicle with which to take the road test
- ✓ The owner of the vehicle must accompany you to the DMV and provide proof of registration and insurance
- ✓ First stage involves maneuvers such as parallel parking and driving in reverse
- ✓ Second stage consists of a short drive on the roads around the DMV



Don't have a License?

- ✓ You must complete an online substance abuse course
- ✓ Once passed you will be issued a completion certificate
- ✓ Take the certificate of completion, as well documents listed to the DMV
 - Passport
 - I94 Card Printed
 - I20
 - Two Proofs of Residence
 - Social Security Card if Applicable
 - Cash for Fee

Get a driving permit

- ✓ You will then exchange the certificate and need to pass the written test to get your driving permit
- ✓ A driving permit is **NOT** the same as a driver's license



Learning/practicing your driving

- ✓When learning to drive you must have a person over 21 with valid license in the car with you
- ✓Drivers school learning also available



Getting a license

- ✓ You can take the road test whenever you feel ready
- ✓ Call the DMV and make an appointment for the road test



DMV's nearby

✓ Melbourne

1515 Sarno Road 32935

(321) 264-6935

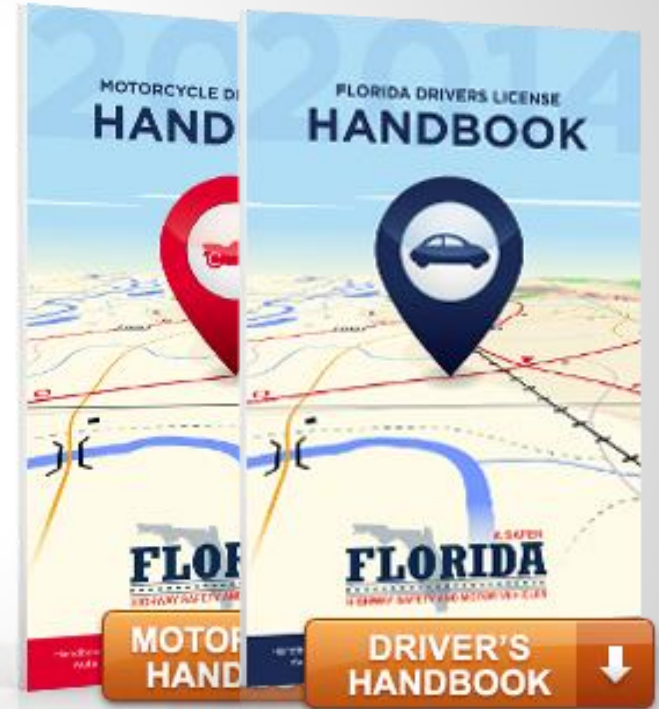
✓ Palm Bay

450 Cogan Drive SE 32908

(321) 264-6935

✓ A full list can be found at:

www.flhsmv.gov/offices/brevard.html



Transportation:

With A Car

Buy a Vehicle



- ✓ Obtain a Florida driver's license from: <http://hsmv.state.fl.us/>
- ✓ Best option: Buy a used/pre-owned car
- ✓ Credit score/SSN required for financing options
- ✓ Buy only in cash/check
- ✓ Good place to get a car are dealerships and also <http://www.cars.com>
- ✓ For car's value, use Kelly Blue Book

Car Insurance

✓ Several available options:

Geico: www.geico.com

Progressive: www.progressive.com

Allstate: www.allstate.com

✓ Avoid super cheap non-reputable car insurance companies

✓ Keep car in good shape (check brakes, oil, coolant)



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Rent a Vehicle

✓Some of the car rental options are:

Enterprise: <http://www.enterprise.com>

Hertz: <https://www.hertz.com>

Avis: <http://www.avis.com>

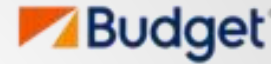
✓Requirements:

Minimum age: 20 (Hertz) & 21 (others)

Credit card/debit card

Driver's license

✓Use your own car insurance or purchase renter's insurance from the rental agency



Safety Tips



✓ Don't drink and drive

✓ Don't drive if you're tired/emotional

✓ Wear your seatbelt

✓ Follow all traffic safety laws, including speed limits

✓ Slow down in bad weather conditions

✓ Avoid distractions while driving

✓ Road safety rules apply to motorcycles and bicycles



Technology



Internet: Connecting

✓ You must register your device to access internet on campus

✓ Register at: <https://gatekeeper.fit.edu/clientreg/>

✓ You will need:

- To connect to the network on campus
- Your tracks account
- Your device's MAC address



Canvas



canvas

BY INSTRUCTURE

✓FIT uses a Portal system called Canvas. Everyone can access it using their Tracks Account

✓Allows you to:

- Contact your professor, GSA and classmates
- Find materials and resources by course
- Submit Labs and assignments
- Check your grades for assignments and labs

✓Link: <https://fit.instructure.com/> or canvas.fit.edu

Forums

✓FIT also uses an e-mail forum for communication and networking

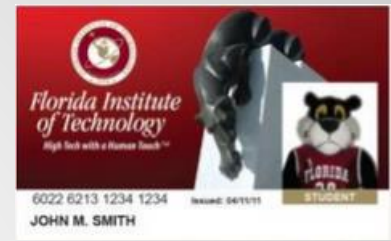
✓Instructions:

- Go to <https://lists.fit.edu/sympa>
- Sign in using your Tracks account
- Search for clubs/organizations/mailing lists
- Click subscribe

SUBSCRIBE



Key Card Access



- ✓ Labs and buildings like the Engineering Complex are locked at 8pm on weekdays and all day on weekends
- ✓ To access these places you must apply for key card access & renew each semester:

- Go to: <https://campus.fit.edu/doors>
- Log in using your Tracks account
- Click Request Access on the navigation bar
- Select the building and room
- Wait for approval



Cellphones

- ✓ Prepaid & Postpaid choices available
- ✓ Plans differ for calls, texts & data
- ✓ Major providers include:

- AT&T
- Sprint
- Verizon
- T-Mobile



Bank Accounts



What to Bring

✓For a checking/saving account:

- Student ID Card
- Passport
- I-20
- Money to Deposit



✓You need a SSN to apply for a Credit card but not a Debit card

Transferring funds

✓ Each bank has different methods. Discuss the best option with a bank representative

✓ Some ways:

- Traveler's Checks
- Bank Checks
- Wire Transfer from home bank to US bank

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