FGCU Office of Continuing Education & Off Campus Programs
Bachelor Degree Completion Survey Report—9-27-2013

I am interested in completing my bachelor’s degree at Florida Gulf Coast University.

- 151 (53.55%) Strongly Agree
- 92 (32.62%) Agree
- 25 (8.97%) Neutral
- 14 (4.96%) Strongly Disagree

I am interested in completing my bachelor’s degree mainly for professional development.

- 142 (50.6%) Strongly Agree
- 83 (29.75%) Agree
- 13 (4.66%) Neutral
- 13 (4.66%) Disagree
- 28 (10.04%) Strongly Disagree
I am interested in completing my bachelor’s degree mainly to qualify me for a specific job position/field.

- 276 Responses
- 85 (30.58%)
- 80 (28.78%)
- 76 (27.34%)
- 17 (6.12%)

I am interested in completing my bachelor’s degree mainly for personal enrichment.

- 276 Responses
- 112 (40.56%)
- 106 (38.41%)
- 32 (11.59%)
- 13 (4.71%)
I am interested in completing my bachelor’s degree mainly for the purpose of application to a master’s degree program.

276 Responses

- 25 (9.08%) Strongly Agree
- 49 (17.75%) Agree
- 53 (19.2%) Neutral
- 38 (13.77%) Disagree
- 111 (40.22%) Strongly Disagree

I am mainly interested in a liberal studies degree comprised of a blend of humanities (literature, philosophy, religion, fine arts); social sciences (history, economics, anthropology, sociology, area studies, geography, political science, psychology); natural sciences (biology, chemistry, geology, environmental studies, marine science, physics.)

274 Responses

- 23 (8.39%) Strongly Agree
- 61 (22.26%) Agree
- 72 (26.28%) Neutral
- 69 (25.18%) Disagree
- 49 (17.88%) Strongly Disagree
I am mainly interested in a specialized degree focusing on a single academic discipline.

274 Responses

- 111 (40.51%)
- 67 (24.45%)
- 24 (8.77%)
- 15 (5.47%)
- 8 (2.87%)
- 68 (24.82%)

I am mainly interested in a degree in one of the STEM fields (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics)

271 Responses

- 75 (27.68%)
- 56 (20.66%)
- 60 (22.14%)
- 47 (17.34%)
- 33 (12.18%)

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
It is important to be able to complete my bachelor’s degree while maintaining my current work schedule.

![Pie chart showing responses](chart1)

I am interested in attending classes in the evening.

![Pie chart showing responses](chart2)
I am interested in attending classes Saturday morning.

- Strongly Agree: 92 (32.97%)
- Agree: 100 (35.84%)
- Neutral: 56 (20.07%)
- Disagree: 12 (4.3%)
- Strongly Disagree: 19 (6.81%)

279 Responses

I am interested in a weekend college format (classes held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.)

- Strongly Agree: 88 (31.32%)
- Agree: 105 (37.37%)
- Neutral: 55 (19.57%)
- Disagree: 15 (5.34%)
- Strongly Disagree: 18 (6.41%)

281 Responses
Where would you attend Florida Gulf Coast University courses if offered:
257 Responses

- 105 (21.88%) At the FGCU main campus
- 78 (16.25%) At FGCU's off-campus site on College Parkway in Fort Myers
- 32 (6.67%) At FGCU's off-campus site on 5th Avenue in Naples
- 104 (21.67%) At FGCU's off-campus site on Herald Court in Punta Corda
- 161 (33.54%) Online

I possess the following amount of college credit:
262 Responses

- 142 (54.2%) less than 35 credits
- 61 (23.28%) 35-59 credits
- 59 (22.52%) 60 or more credits
Please indicate the type of college you have attended: (select the one that best describes the attainment of your college credit)

- 65 (24.62%) I possess an associate degree from a Florida college
- 13 (4.92%) I obtained the majority of my credit from FGCU
- 56 (21.21%) I obtained the majority of my credit from another Florida college
- 46 (17.42%) I possess an associate degree from a college outside of Florida
- 64 (31.82%) I obtained the majority of my credit from a college outside of Florida

If interested in completing your degree at Florida Gulf Coast University, how soon would you be able to start?

- 231 (87.5%) Within 1 1/2 years
- 5 (1.89%) 1 1/2-2 years
- 20 (7.58%) 2-3 years
- 8 (3.03%) >3 years
What appeals to you most about a bachelor degree-completion program at Florida Gulf Coast University?

146 Responses

1. sample text here

2. n/a

3. What appeals to me most about a bachelor degree-completion program at FGCU is that I will be able to talk to teachers on campus since I work here. I am able to take classes affordably and the major I am going to school for is also offered here at the University.

4. Studying on campus with a qualified professor.

5. convenience - however, please consider Cape Coral!!! I have to commute to Punta Gorda or Estero to attend classes. Having classes in the Cape would be awesome.

6. I have seen the way FGCU has grown and because I now work here, it is very appealing to complete my degree - something I have always regretted not doing before.

7. I like the fact that FGCU is considering extending more online class options to students. I feel better about having a degree from a notable university, rather than from an online college, for example.

8. Good reputation. I have met many FGCU professors who seem to be dedicated and enthusiastic about teaching.

9. It's a University not a college, the sense of community.

10. Having advancement in my professional field

11. The ability to complete my degree online. This allows me to work full-time while caring for my family. Going to campus on the weekend is just as difficult as attending through the week.

12. As a non-traditional student I would greatly appreciate class schedules and degree seeking formats which consider the needs and challenges of a professional, mature student. I am an FGCU employee and have the awesome benefit of tuition waivers. Certainly, a great incentive to pursue higher education. I also happen to care a great deal about our campus community and our larger community. Thank you for your important efforts to make higher education accessible to everyone. I look forward to the day this comes to fruition. I hope you will design additional degree opportunities, beyond a liberal studies degree, geared toward the non-traditional students. Offering perhaps Business Administration, Communications, Information Technology degrees, etc.

13. With a BA I can get a better paying position.

14. the history major and its faculty

15. Nursing program is excellent

16. I am currently enrolled in a bachelor program for Communications/PR and because of the limited availability of night classes it is taking me longer to complete my degree as I am a full-time employee. I would love to see more classes offered online for my degree.

17. Great young University.

18. I'm cannot get a promotion without the degree. It does not matter that I have 24 years of experience.

19. advancing my career

20. Proximity to work and home
21. I have always wanted to do this for personal enrichment and accomplishment.

22. Location

23. Investigating fields I know little about, e.g., economics

24. opportunity to enjoy studying subjects I find interesting and challenging while staying at home and continuing my everyday life

25. The school has a good reputation and has grown into a fine University. The geographic location is also appealing. As an artist I have heard wonderful things about your Fine Arts program. I have also met graduates of the program and they had great things to say and fine pieces of art for sale as a result of the Universities program.

26. its accesseeability

27. Flexibility in schedule

28. I would like to take college level classes close to my home in downtown Naples.

29. Since I live im Florida the geographic proximity would be the primary reason for completing my degreeer here. I also have certain areas of expertise in fields you offer, which makes your university more attractive to me.

30. I know this is all about the Bachelor degree program, which I already have. I am interested in the Masters Program, but wanted to tell you about my BA degree. I went to Eckerd College strickly the "PEL or Program for Experienced Learners" which is taught on campus and several satalite campuses and also as a guest on other campus locations such as community colleges. If it were not for this program, I feel I would not have been able to get my BA degree. The program is ecellerat-ed, and also taught at night and on the weekends. This allowed me to attend while working full time. I would think this type of program would benefit FGCU greatly.

31. Completing what I started out years ago! I have a three year Diploma in Nursing and an Associates degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Behavioral Science.

32. close to punta gorda

33. Flexible schedule and combination of on-site classroom and on-line learning opportunities.

34. Personal fulfillment and development

35. My hometown school

36. Job Opportunities.

37. That there are so many choices for attaining the degree, from on-line to campus to weekends.

38. Flexibility

39. Nursing

40. Good school and close proximity to residence.

41. Ability to complete a program of interest while working around work schedule. Saturday mornings and online are ideal. Graduating from FGCU--great university!

42. Just to finish what I started long ago.

43. I believe it is an important goal for people to achieve and some peoples lives could not be interrupted long enough to complete a full time degree program in their youth. This program will give them the opportunity to finally achieve that goal.

44. Finally having the opportunity to finish what I started in 1961.
45. Close to home and I’m interested in online also

46. I have completed about 117 credits…114 from UW-Oshkosh, and 3 from Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, NJ. My initial degree was Music Education, but now I want to finish it as expeditiously as possible. Dr. Debra Hess suggested a degree program that allows for a large amount of electives…such as Communications etc.

47. Evening classes.

48. The challenge.

49. Flexibility of scheduling, credibility of the institution

50. Being able to complete the degree solely online to fit with personal family schedule.

51. It’s close to home and therefore accessible. And though I’ve risen in the ranks in my profession, I’d really like to have a bachelor’s degree behind me.

52. Potentially low costs, convenience of on-line and local classes so I can continue to work demanding hours

53. Punta Gorda satellite campus.

54. nothing, i wont be paid extra

55. I am currently a student here for Criminal justice. This has been the BEST school that I have been to college wise. They have a phenomenal forensics and criminal justice program. The criminal justice program is a full time online program if someone wishes to go that route. But you will be amazed at how much the school is growing in students; and educationally this school is out of this world. I know all the teachers personally; they’re always willing to help out law enforcement officers. I plan on going for my masters here at FGCU after I finish my bachelors.

56. I work and live in Punta Gorda. On-line as well as local eve or weekend classes would be very convenient. Having a BA would open up more professional career opportunities for me.

57. The college is close and I have had a good experience with them so far. I would also like to complete my associate degree then go for my bachelors I feel i am closest to completing it now.

58. Convenience and location

59. Being able to attend classes at night or weekends.

60. Blank

61. The college is here.

62. I am interested in completing my BSN. The campus is close to my winter home.

63. Location and affordability.

64. It is close to home and has a good reputation as a school.

65. Having a degree from an accredited four year university.

66. The flexibility in scheduling for those who hold a full time working position in Fort Myers.

67. I would be able to finish my bachelor’s degree close to home and enhance my personal resume for future promotions in my field of work.

68. I would like to see a paramedicine program, one that would supply some competition to Edison.

69. The time and days.
70. If this could be offered with a flexible schedule, it would be most interesting to me. I also like the idea of being able to go to another site instead of the main campus, I live in Cape Coral.

71. You reach a certain point in your life where you want to obtain a bachelor’s degree, but many people like myself have put it off. Now we have bills, mortgages, and families, so it is very difficult to find the time to complete the program when it is geared towards fulltime students out of hight school. This would be a great thing for people like me!

72. I been thinking of getting a degree but it hard to juggle home, work, and school. FGCU is closed to my home.

73. The location

74. local college with a good acedemic reputation.

75. The ability to continue working for FGCU and expanding my professional goals here.

76. Good school, and something closer to my home in North Port! My current plans are to attend USF-SM because it is closest.

77. Location of place to take classes locally

78. That I would be able to take online classes.

79. A University close to home for those of us who have jobs or careers. It is nice to support a University which supports the community.

80. Reputable Florida University

81. Convenience

82. I need a degree to advance in my field of public safety/ EMS/ Fire departments. Getting this would increase my likelihood of advancing in my field.

83. I have been considering the Edison College and the Barry University Bachelor programs, but the FGCU programs seems to be better that either one of these choices.

84. Your an accredited learning institution.

85. Ease of location due to working full time and handling the family.

86. Location

87. I am just a few classes away from my degree base at an Arkansas university and would love a local opportunity to complete these classes.

88. I already have have 3 semesters at FGCU but cant make it to campus from port charlotte all the way to estero with my current work schedule and drive

89. To better myself and to possibly move up in my organization.

90. The accreditation of the college.

91. Just to be able to complete that part of my education and hopefully move on to a Master program.

92. Close to home, evening classes

93. Classes are close to home and are available at times my schedule will allow.

94. Area colleges do not offer some necessary classes and I have to drive 2 hours to a campus. The distance would be shorter. FGCU is getting a good reputation as a STEM school.

95. Location
96. The possibility to have flexible class schedules. Working full-time with various hours and weekends it makes it difficult to commit to a schedule. On line is also a great option.

97. Being able to complete it in a timely matter while still being able to work full time.

98. My oldest son goes to FGCU and my youngest will join him next year.

99. I'm not sure that it is specifically FGCU or another institution, but I would like to have an option to better my earning ability by picking up an additional degree.

100. FGCU is a local college that is accredited and has a great reputation. Given that I have a family and work full-time, I would be unable to obtain this goal without the ability to complete my program in the evenings and weekends.

101. Edison only offers an AS in Civil Engineering. I would like to continue after I complete the AS with Edison.

102. A state university makes it not only affordable but a degree from a reputable source.

103. Online classes! And also the availability of classes in Punta Gorda. And the fact that it is FGCU; a local university. I would like to get a bachelor's degree in management.

104. Convenience

105. Location and affiliation.

106. I would love to be able to complete my studies online to finish my degree.

107. ATTENDING A LOCAL UNIVERSITY

108. Local. I want to complete my degree in horticulture.

109. Its within the State of Florida

110. I enrolled and was accepted at FGCU several years ago and was ready to get started - until I drove there from Port Charlotte. It was way too far to go and I never went forward with the program.

111. Locality, accreditation

112. Online completion

113. The campus is very close and FGCU offers online courses.

114. The opportunity to further my education while also balancing work and family life. As of right now it is impossible for me to do so. Campuses are far away and anything that is offered locally does not coincide with my A.S. in Environmental Science. I would love to be able to obtain a bachelors in some form of science (Enviro, Biology, etc) that pertains to my current field of work.

115. It’s a local college.

116. As an area resident I think such a program would help a segment of the population build more of a sense of identity with SW Florida promoting a more unified region.

117. To advance my education within my line of work.

118. The Friday and Saturday schedule

119. Personal accomplishment.

120. Obtaining my bachelors to continue on for my Masters in Nursing

121. It is a good college with a good reputation and varied specialties.
122. I currently commute to Florida Gulf Coast University as a Student from Charlotte County. The commute combined with local internships and my work schedule is very expensive as well as exhausting. A degree completion program for a Political Science majors in a classroom setting would be outstanding. I love the University very much and I beleive this would be a step in the right direction for its commuter students.

123. I currently have a Bachelor's degree in liberal arts. I would be interested in pursuing a second degree in my professional field.

124. The only options that I would consider would be a 100% program in the areas of Emergency Management or Fire Dept Management. Due to my schedule as a firefighter, there are no “on campus” options that could work for me.

125. Obtaining my degree from a state university.

126. It is hard to get finished when working full time but a degree would help me get a better job.

127. N/A

128. Convenience

129. I need it to be online.

130. Location and cost of the degree. If the price is right, I would consider it.

131. It's not Edison

132. FGCU is great school, that I would be proud to say I graduate from there.

   I also like how there presence in the community goes beyound academic, to a many community projects; community involvement is something that is important to me.

133. I was persueing an engineer degree, but was forced to change major because of the distance of engineering classes.

134. Diverse program offerings.

135. To further education in physical therapist

136. I like that I can do my courses online for a majority of the Bachelor degree programs.

137. FGCU has the reputation of having strong academic standards.

138. It is local

139. I have become very successful in the field of resort and hospitality, but I have always regretted not finishing college and receiving a degree.

140. Blank

141. This may not be the proper forum but I am most interested in pursuing a Six Sigma or Lean Six Sigma certification at the Green Belt level and possibly beyond. With Hertz moving their headquarters to Estero, many of their top of the line positions require this certification. It would be great if FGCU were to give this program serious consideration -- thanks!

142. Close to home and WORK AND AN ESTABLISHED 4 YEAR INSTITUTION WITH IN-STATE TUITION

143. Close - easy access - inexpensive

144. I have heard nothing but good things about FGCU. I have many friends that go there and I would be proud to say that I earned my degree from FGCU.

145. Flexible schedule is important. Learning and the personal satisfaction and enrichment that comes with completing a long overdue goal a degree offers.

146. Flexibility to finish a higher degree and continue to work would be great as working is a must.
What challenge/concern do you foresee about a bachelor degree-completion program at Florida Gulf Coast University?

146 Responses

1. sample text here

2. n/a

3. The challenge and concern that I foresee about a bachelor degree-completion program at Florida Gulf Coast University is that I work full time and I am not always able to take as many classes as I would like. The availability of classes also worries me because I have not always been able to get in to my desired classes. I also think that a lot more classes should be available online for the work force like me who is not always able to take time off or attend class in the evenings.

4. Traffic, Getting around and finding buildings, lack of good signage, parking, lacking of evening or weekend course. It would be nice to have a classes with students that are age 30 and up!

5. The university would become a joke.

6. availability of courses - online or at convenient times and locations. Cost is another factor.

7. Working the school schedule around my work schedule.

8. I am too busy to attend any classes on campus. I have a very busy work schedule. The only challenge I see is that if the format is to be blended between online and in class courses, I would not be able to make it to those in class courses. I would need something completely online.

9. Class schedule that will work with my job schedule.

10. There are not Sat evening classes and the online classes are often the same.

11. The degree would not be focused enough.

12. Cost; time-constraints; available quality faculty...

13. Trying to maintain balance between family, studying, the job.

14. Nursing program is only offered during the week and actually states in program discription working while attending this program is not recommended. Edison did have a night time advanced placement program but dropped it once it was my turn to be approved to take some time from work to attend school. I feel like I am being punished for actually working, paying my own way, wanting to continue working, and advancing in my field by furthering my education. Maybe there is a field of study that my medical background will help but a field of study that can be done on line.

15. Currently it will probably take me another 2 years to complete the program.

16. Cost and Time

17. I've attempted to completed it here; but my transfer credits were not accepted and there's no way I'll start over. I don't have the funds to take classes at my other school right now either (City College, Ft. Lauderdale).

18. family and work

19. Balancing work and school/studying

20. Because of my age (79), I hope I would be able to keep up with the necessary assignments. I am, however, very healthy and alert.

21. Cost
22. Convenient scheduling
23. none
24. My Associates Degree is in Science and not in Fine art. I do not possess a portfolio of my work in pottery. I do however welcome a challenge and have had three art classes as part of my degree program.
25. Worried that you will only offer useless degrees.
26. My main concerns are the two primary ones - time and money. A number of my credits were obtained at a leading European university and would have to be evaluated for transfer.
27. I know this is all about the Bachelor degree program, which I already have. I am interested in the Masters Program, but wanted to tell you about my BA degree. I went to Eckerd College strickly the "PEL or Program for Experienced Learners" which is taught on campus and several satalite campuses and also as a guest on other campus locations such as community colleges. If it were not for this program, I feel I would not have been able to get my BA degree. The program is excellerated, and also taught at night and on the weekends. This allowed me to attend while working full time. I would think this type of program would benefit FGCU greatly. The fact that it was excellerated also quickly weeded out the people who weren't too serious about attending. ;)
28. The challenges I face is lacking the technology for the format on computer related term papers.
29. not enough time orn not having enough degree programs from which to choose
30. Ability to transfer all (or the majority of) my credits, which were earned about 30 years ago - one semester shy of graduating with a BA - from the University of Minnesota. And the potential to receive some credits based on my life experience and nearly 30-year professional career in corporate public relations and marketing communications.
31. None, I already take online classes
32. Delaying classes because of my working schedule
33. Mainly that I work full-time during the day Monday thru Friday, and its very difficult for me to be in a classroom at FGCU, since there is very few options, for online classes.
34. Gathering my previous credit information. Cost.
35. Flexibility of hours. An online and class combination would be best as just an online degree is not as impressive as an online/class combination.
36. Expense. Also, class schedule may be limited, as I foresee a demand for this in the working professionals world if you do it right and think of the adult student as a professional active in the business world. If you create the program to the adult student's advantage and time constraints, and market it properly, it will work.
37. maintain whatever brain power is left in my head !!!!!
38. How many credits you accept toward my degree.
39. I do not see any foreseeable challenges.
40. Obtaining credit for courses previously completed years ago. Getting back into "college mode" and the academic world.
41. Financial
42. I am a full time Deputy for LCSO, so working around my schedule is important. The Sheriff’s Office will pay for 2 classes per semester. As long as the classes and degree have some generic relation to my job, (I think Communications would qualify). There is a pay bump for a bachelor's degree as well as an associate's degree.
43. Not having the classes I need at the times I can attend.
44. Previous credits earned probably won't transfer since they were earned 50 years ago.
45. Ability to complete the degree while working. Not enough of the degrees can be completed online or weekends. Not enough upper level courses to choose from.
46. I doubt my company would sponsor me, so I would want it to be affordable. And I'd like to complete it as quickly as possible.
47. Cost, even if lower than most, is difficult to manage during these tough times.
48. Time constraints.
49. none
50. Being able to balance school and work schedule
51. More classes need to be offered during the evening hours is the only thing I find concerning about this school. Wish criminal justice classes were offered in Punta Gorda!
52. I'd like to review and be given credit for the current college credit courses I've obtained outside of Florida and have them rolled into a viable BA program within FGCU.
53. Support from work and my wife the kids are grown up and on there own and now I want to go back and finish my degree.
54. I am looking for a degree in emergency management and i believe it is a very specialized field
55. Managing work/home and education at the same time.
56. Cost
57. Time wise. For those in Public Safety some work 24 hours on and 48 hours off. If it was a regualr class say for example Tuesday and Thursdays I will be missing one of those classes one a week for 2 weeks sice I work 24 hours on and 48 hours off. Online is easier for those with odd not normal work hours
58. Schedule problems for Non-traditional student having to take classes offered at times set up for kids in dorms
59. I am not a full time resident.
60. Cost
61. Availability fr classes
62. Cost and scheduling conflicts.
63. The program of studies I have started isn't available at FGCU. There are other areas to branch of into, but the website does not offer a lot of help.
64. N/A
65. The main concern with my schedule would be due to the fact that I work 24 hour shifts as a fireman. So it would be difficult with any daytime/nighttime schedule.
66. Juggling work with school.
67. None.
68. Is the program going to be too long and will I be able to afford something like this. I work full time and am very concerned about the financial part of a Bachelor degree. I am very interested in completing a Bachelor in Nursing and the ability to go to the main campus from Cape Coral is very difficult.
69. in the end being able to offer the degree of choice for everyone. There has to be some exceptions unfortunately.

70. The challenges that I see in my life is juggling home, kids, work and school all at once. Having children of ages of 6 to 2 can be demanding.

71. Scheduling

72. Cost and schedule

73. The largest challenge would be the high costs associated with college level education. The other concern would be being able to fit course work around my work schedule.

74. Costs

75. Time management between work, family and studies.

76. No major concerns or challenges. My bachelor’s program is business administration, so I would only be concerned that a degree in business would be offered.

77. Time and availability of classes to meet my schedule

78. Having enough time

79. Working full time. would need online classes.

80. Difficulty in going to classes while working. Most classes are not "shift" friendly and having to take days off of work to attend classes.

81. More focus on online classes than weekend , or evening classes.

82. None

83. fear that college credit will not transfer from Edison State College

84. With a 24hrs on and 48 hrs off schedule it makes it hard to attend the normal college class. I like many in my field have been out of school for a long time and might have to take remedial classes. these tend to be only offered at the school and not online, which I know from experience and are almost impossible to get to. Need classes offered for shift work in mind.

85. The two concerns are cost and scheduling classes. I am a Fire Medic with PGFD and it seems that FGCU has come up with solutions for both those concerns already.

86. Have been out of a formal educational process for a long time.

87. I have 2 credits short of a Master’s degree in English Literature. Is there any program for an MA at FGCU ?

88. Course studies not offered at Punta Gorda location.

89. Time limitations of classes available. Working full time during the day and having a house to run at night makes classes hard to attend.

90. Maintaining my work schedule which is not a 9-5 position.

91. I would have to be al=ble to complete these courses online due to work and family obligations/schedules.

92. No challenge.

93. I find even with friends my age interested in returning to college or who have, that there are very few BA programs. Many of us do not work in a field that requires strong mathematical/science skills (i.e.) Human Resources. Many struggle not solely with the ability to attend the class but with tutoring availability. A program that offered a BA would be helpful for those of us who have not been in a class room in over 20 years.
94. The amount of work college classes demand.
95. Sports Management
96. Location, Cost and the ability to do most of my course work online.
97. financial, ability to work full time as well as study
98. Getting classes at times I can to accommodate my work schedule.
99. Possibly have limited selection.
100. I am online able to attend online.
101. The cost and also the schedule of classes.
102. Having to attend classes only during the work hours
103. Scheduling. Classes have to fit into my schedule which is M-F and 40 hrs per week.
104. Financial obligations, finding a job in this region that would pay me a competitive wage, and balancing my family, work & school schedules.
105. My biggest challenge is the location in which programs are offered. Given that I work full-time and have children, commuting an additional 3 hours on top of classes is too much and creates a significant barrier for me.
106. Classes are currently not available for those who are working during the day.
107. Inability to attend classes in-person on weekdays due to family schedule.
108. I work full-time and need to keep my job
109. The lack of availability of classes when I can take them; that don’t my schedule.
110. Time commitment
111. Change of curriculum before completion of degree and COST.
112. Time management
113. Classes not offered locally. Having to travel to the main campus more than once a week.
114. None, as long as it is in horticulture.
115. I am currently attending an online college in another state to complete my bachelor's degree. I would be interested to compare the online class availability and costs vs the out of state college.
116. The challenge will be making time in my schedule for completing classes; however, if on-line or weekend are available at the Punta Gorda location that would make it much easier for me.
117. Tuition and books costs.
118. work full time, would need to take online or weekend classes
119. My work/family schedule and acquiring more student loan debt.
120. Affordability
121. Getting sufficient numbers of students to justify a given class or lab
122. My ability to attend in person is nearly impossible due to my current work schedule.
123. Credit transfer from out of state schools/military credit.
124. I am a firefighter and have a one day on and two days off work schedule, so a normal class schedule most of the time is an issue. That’s one reason why I have not taken classes. So many schools will not work with students e.g. (Edison) to help students...as we all know it about MONEY!!! if FGCU is able to prove otherwise than I would highly consider taking classes.

125. Class schedule

126. Very rusty in math; super, super, super rusty.

127. Financial

128. Hours

129. The degree programs being offered initially may not satisfy the student body in terms of those who commute.

130. Financial

131. I think my biggest concern is how classes will affect my work schedule

132. Scheduling

133. Cost and scheduling

134. Cost

135. My biggest challenge is working a Firefighter’s schedule of 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty. My shifts will inevitable fall on some of the class days unless online classes are offered where they can be done on my days off.

136. N/A

137. My 24/48 work schedule as a firefighter

138. Self motivating myself

139. Ability to attend classes and payment. An on-line option would be prefereable with some on-campus classes on the weekends. Very interested in continuation of surgical sciences if offered such as Surgical Assistant or Physician’s Assistant as I am a surgical technologist.

140. Cost and Time

141. My challenges would be have adequate time to give to my study. My dream would be to just focus on going to school.

142. Class availability.

143. Offering enough degree programs online or weekends.

144. of attending classes

145. The only challenge would be if a class was not available locally and having to figure out how to drive to Fort Myers every week.

146. None.

147. having the time to complete a class with my work/family requirements

148. fitting the course schedule in around work, kids and other activities, but I would not be in a hurry so I could take a few credits at a time.

149. How quickly could i complete my degree - I have credits from 4 different Florida schools all more than 15 years ago! At the time, I pursued a degree in theatre and didnt need any math credits - I cringe at the thought of taking math now.

150. N/A
151. Tuition fee

152. COST, LOCATION AND TIME. ADD TO THIS YOU NEED TO OFFER A DEGREE THAT IS IN LINE WITH MY NEEDS. I DON’T WANT FRI DAY NIGHT. SATURDAY ALL DAY - OR SAT AND SUN MORNING ARE GREAT. I WORK ALL WEEK AND THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS SPEND MY FRIDAY NIGHT IN SCHOOL!

153. want full weekend - no nights. I am not a kid - must be adult oriented. has to fit with my work schedule and must be inex-pensive

154. Just finding the time to complete the necessary courses that fit into my program of interest. I work 2 full time jobs and would have to do most if not all online.


156. College credits being accepted and applied toward a degree. Cost to complete ie cost per credit hour?