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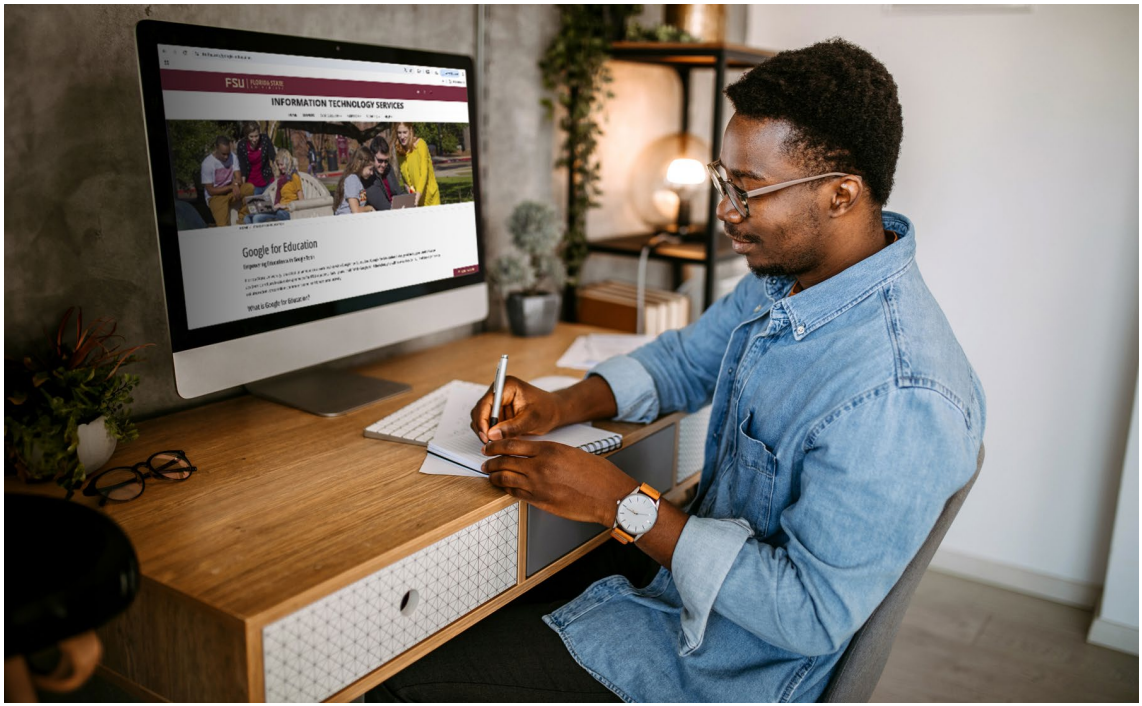

Google for Education Has Arrived

FSU ITS is excited to announce our newest service offering: Google for Education. Students, faculty, and staff now have access to a powerful new workspace featuring tools like NotebookLM, Gemini, Docs, Sheets and Slides, and can be easily accessed using your FSU single sign-on credentials. Google for Education supports seamless communication and teamwork within a secure, cloud-based environment, helping to connect with the FSU community like never before. Additionally, one of the highlights of the platform is its integration capabilities. In the coming months, the integration of Google for Education will be possible with platforms like Canvas which means students will be able to collaborate on group projects in real time, submit assignments using Google Docs and schedule study sessions with ease. Meanwhile, for faculty and staff, the platform will soon streamline communication and file management, supporting a more connected and productive work environment.

Learn More

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Preparing for a Weather Emergency

With the 2025 hurricane season underway, now is a good time for instructors to review the emergency preparedness of their classes. The FSU Emergency Module, created by the Office of Digital Learning and Academic Technology, is designed to help faculty and students stay connected and maintain learning continuity after a weather emergency. Click the “Learn More” button below to view a video on how the emergency module provides critical FSU resources for the main campus and Panama City locations. The module, which can be imported into Canvas courses, can be used in both distance learning and face-to-face courses.

Learn More

FSU Role Certification Process Changes

There is a new, streamlined process coming for FSU security access role review and certification. Starting this fall, role owners with access to sensitive data will receive quarterly notifications to review and adjust employee access as needed. Additionally, supervisors for employees with assigned security access roles will approve or deny role access if the employee undergoes a job change. These approvals, which take place in myFSU HR, will ensure all employees have the right roles at the right time.

How to Review Roles

ITS Freeze Period

To ensure a smooth start to the Fall 2025 semester, ITS is implementing a code freeze period from August 23-September 6 to prevent unexpected outages of essential ITS systems during peak and critical usage times. During this time, no ITS changes are to take place.

FSU Service Status Page

Putting the MY in myFSU

Information Technology Services (ITS) is bringing you a new, enhanced myFSU Portal. We have listened to feedback from students, faculty and staff about how we could enhance your portal experience, and we are excited to show you how it turned out. This upgrade has an enhanced look and improved features to create a simplified, clean and customizable experience. Head to your myFSU Portal and select the “Portal Beta” button in the top right corner to jump into the new environment before the official go-live in January 2026.

Learn More

Fall 2025 Computer Tutors Classes

Are you looking for your next professional development opportunity? Look no further! Computer Tutors USA recently announced their Fall 2025 Class Schedule for interested participants. These classes feature a multitude of topics, including Server Administration, Databases, Cloud Computing, Technician training, Cybersecurity, and courses on Copilot and AI Courses. Regardless of your interests, there is a course for you. Sign up today!

Enroll Today

Windows 10 Support is Ending Soon

Starting this October, ITS will begin phasing out Windows 10 for all official university business. All IT department managers should ensure their teams are budgeting and preparing for this important transition. Since Microsoft will no longer provide free support or security updates for Windows 10 after October 14, upgrading to Windows 11 is essential to remain compliant with FSU’s 4-OP-H-21 Acceptable Use of Technology policy. Making the upgrade will protect the security, privacy and overall functionality of university operations. If you need assistance, please contact your local IT professional or the **ITS Service Desk**.

Upgrade Today

ITS Lights Up the Semester

ITS is thrilled to welcome you back for a stellar fall semester. As we kick off the first week of classes, we are excited to welcome back our new and returning employees. If you're new to ITS, we recommend checking out the ITS Tech Checklist to get familiar with everything you need to hit the ground running.

Or are you looking to get more involved this semester? Join us in representing ITS during Welcome Week! It's a great way to connect with students and showcase the support and services we provide across campus. If you're interested, sign up today!

Sign Up

Show Your Seminole Spirit

Welcome back, Seminoles! To kick off our Welcome Week festivities, we have created a graphic you can share in the ITS Staff Teams channel. You might recognize the classic "When I Grow Up" photo frames and now it's your turn to join the fun! Once you've snapped your photo, share it with us to join in the celebration on August 25.

Download Background

Submit Articles for *PursuITS*

Whether it is an event your team is planning, an award your employee received or a project update, we want to hear from you. Submit today for your chance to be featured in next month's edition of *PursuITS*!

Submit Here

FSU Theorist Dr. Laura Reina Advances Particle Physics Research

Dr. Laura Reina is a full professor at Florida State University's College of Arts and Sciences within the physics department. Her research specializes in elementary particle physics, with a focus on high-energy collider physics. Using the FSU **High-Performance Computing Center**, Dr. Reina conducts large-scale simulations of particle collisions through complex theoretical modeling. Her work provides critical insights that help guide experimental discoveries at major research facilities.

Read More

Student Tech Fee Spotlight: Flight Simulator

A state-of-the-art Flight Simulator, located in the Renegade Flight Simulation Center, was funded by Student Technology Fee. The simulator uses advanced technology to simulate real-world flight experiences like takeoff and landing. This highly specialized training software features an external display, allowing flight instructors to give real-time feedback to students, greatly increasing their learning opportunities. The program is open to all majors and offers exciting opportunities for members of FSU's Aviation Club, ROTC students with an interest in aviation, and any student pursuing a private pilot license. This is an affordable way of logging flight hours, boosting ROTC Candidate Selection Method scores and offering learning opportunities via an instructor. The simulator enables students to

gain practical experience that supports their academic and career goals. To learn more about the Flight Simulator and how it works in real-time, watch this month's STF spotlight.

Check It Out

Donation Drive

ITS is hosting a Back-to-School donation drive to support the FSU Food for Thought Pantry, Florida State University Schools and FSU Childcare and Early Learning. Suggested donations include shelf-stable food, hygiene products, cleaning supplies and wet wipes. If you're able to contribute, please bring your donations to ITS' social hour at Madison Social on August 14 or drop them off at Technology Services Building any time before August 15.

Your Donation Checklist

We Are IT

We Are IT | Meet Gary Chismar!

Meet Gary Chismar! As the development manager of Enterprise Services, Gary leads the PeopleSoft resources development team. On his weekends, you can catch him going to the farmer's market, working around the house, and spending time with family.

Meet Gary

Happy Anniversary!

Happy work anniversary to all the ITS employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with FSU this month.

35 Years

Diane Franks
Julie Eberhardt

30 Years

Charles Melton

25 Years

Anthony Crago

20 Years

Bryan Polk

15 Years

Brett Simpson

10 Years

Joshua Kukus

5 Years

Sterling Guilford
Christopher Ehster
Jeremy Anderson
Terrie Mock

1 Year

Nicholas Welch
Roman Serrano
FNU Garima
Grayson Kent
Hannah Hanstead
Jonathan Weiss
Joshua Otteson
Marshall Copeland
Ronald Huggins
Tucker Anderson
Isabella Ferretti
Santiago Reyes
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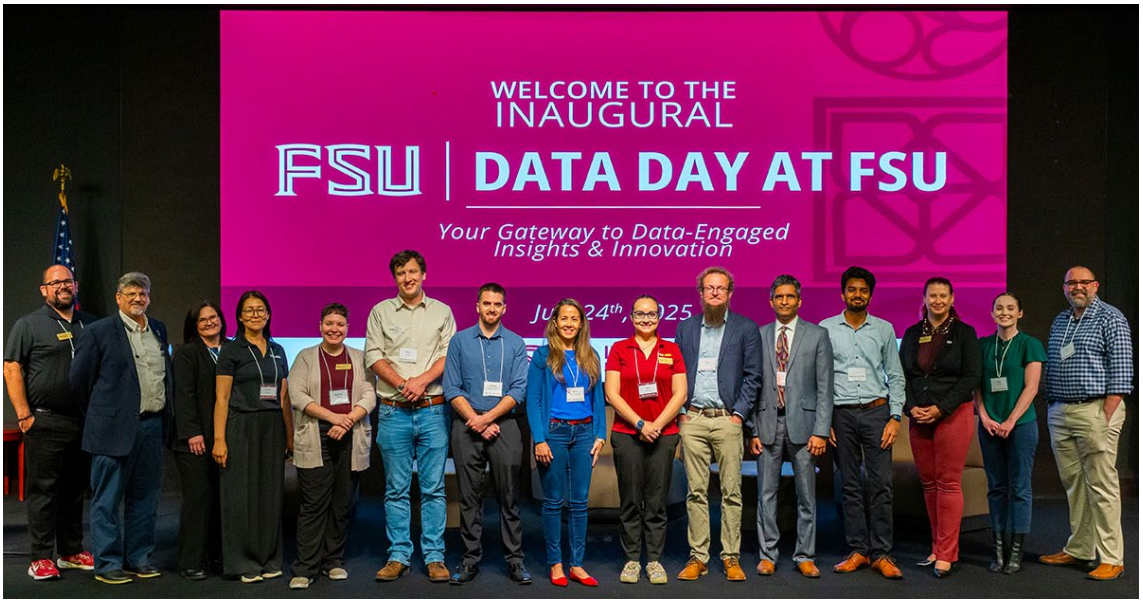
Shout Outs



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Data Day at FSU

On July 24, 2025, the Office of Institutional Research and Office of the Provost hosted the inaugural Data Day at FSU. The one-day event featured informative presentations, workshops and networking opportunities for faculty and staff to explore the power of data literacy. With 20 workshops and presentations available, attendees had a wide range of topics to explore, including data-engaged insights and the impact of data. Among the presenters, including Institutional Research, Proactive Referral & Engagement and University Libraries, ITS had the opportunity to present at Data Day. The event was quite the success, and we cannot wait to attend again next year!

Congratulations to Our Summer 2025 Graduates

ITS is thrilled to congratulate our graduating interns and employees on their Summer 2025 commencement. Please join us in celebrating our graduates on this spectacular achievement: **Grace Bayliss** and **Emily Krna**.

"My internship experience at ITS taught me a great deal and helped me build both skills and confidence that I'll carry forward into this next chapter."

Jacob Cabrera, Former ITS Intern

Count IT

118,348

number of FSU Service Center cases created in FY2025

Join IT

Join our team! Browse IT job openings at FSU.

Director, Research Technology
IT Support Services Manager
Network Architect
Assistant Director, Net Infrastructure

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Google Workspace Training for IT Professionals
08/14

ITS Social Hour @ Madison Social
08/14

AWS Day
09/11

FSU INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Questions?
We are here to help. Contact the ITS Service Desk at 850-644-4357 or its.fsu.edu/help.

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