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BACKGROUND: The Florida State University is one of eleven units of the Division of Colleges and Universities of the Florida Board of Education...It was established as the Seminary West of the Suwannee by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1851 and first offered instruction at the postsecondary level in 1857...Its Tallahassee campus has been the site of an institution of higher education longer than any other site in the state...In 1905, the Buckman Act reorganized higher education in the state and designated the Tallahassee school as the Florida Female College...In 1909, it was renamed Florida State College for Women...In 1947, the school returned to co-educational status, and the name was changed to The Florida State University...It has grown from an enrollment of 2,583 in 1946 to an enrollment of 40,474 in the Fall Semester 2006

ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2005): Total, 40,474 ...76.7% undergrad, 20.2% grad, 3.1% unclassified...79.9% in-state...93.8% from the United States... students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are in attendance...18 states contributed over 100 students each...19 foreign countries contributed over 25 students each...female, 56.4%...male, 43.6%...minority, 24.9%...international, 3.2%.

ACREAGE: Main Campus: 451.6 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)...Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County...The university owns a total of 1,530.4 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota, & Gadsden counties...Sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida, and other locations overseas.

COLLEGES/DEGREE PROGRAMS: With 16 colleges and schools, students may take courses of study leading to the baccalaureate degree in 99 degree programs, to the master's degree in 112 degree programs, to the advanced master's degree in one program, to the specialist degree in 26 degree programs, to the doctorate degree in 73 degree programs, and to the professional degree in two degree programs. The academic divisions are the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Information, Law, Medicine, Music, Social Science, Social Work and Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance; and the Schools of Motion Picture, Television, and Recording Arts and Nursing.

OPERATING BUDGET (2006-07): \$1,011,736,496

DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2005-06: Bachelor, 6,938...Masters, 1,821...Doctorate, 325...Medical Doctorate, 36...Specialist, 51... Judge Doctorate, 240... Total, 9,411

ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (FALL, 2006): The middle 50 percent High School GPA, 3.3-3.9; SAT score 1090-1240, ACT score 23-27. There were 46 National Merit Scholars, 17 National Achievement Scholars, and 16 Hispanic Scholars enrolled as undergraduate students during the Fall 2006 term

RETENTION RATE: First year, 100%...second year, 88%...third year, 77%...fourth year, 74%.

FACULTY/STAFF: Total 2,291...FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronauts Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches Electrical Engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as Vice President of Student Affairs ...FSU's faculty has included six dynamic Nobel Laureates: 12 members elected to National Academy of Sciences...10 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences...and two Pulitzer Prize winners Ellen T. Zwilich and Robert Olen Butler.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES: Florida State University has a uniqueness in providing programs that are consistent in excellence across the board, from fine arts and humanities to the hard sciences...The balance of programs is based on FSU's long tradition as a leading liberal arts institution combined with its position as one of the top 10 universities in generating research-based revenues...FSU is the most wired campus in Florida, and was recently ranked 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life.

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Florida	32,326
Georgia	935
Virginia	
New York	
Texas	267
Pennsylvania	264
North Carolina	
New Jersey	209
Maryland	206
California	
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD: FSU offers a variety of overseas study opportunities for students during the regular academic year. FSU has study centers located in Florence, Italy; Panama City, Republic of Panama; Valencia, Spain; and London, England. Courses at the study centers are offered each semester and cover a wide range of subject areas perfect for meeting general and liberal studies requirements. International Programs also offers study programs, some general and some major specific, in: Cairns, Australia; Salvador, Brazil; Tianjin, China; San Jose, Costa Rica; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Prague, Czech Republic; Napo, Ecuador; London, England; Paris, France; Dublin, Ireland; Tokyo, Japan; Moscow, Russia; and Leysin, Switzerland. A summer Law program is offered in Oxford, England. Broders programs in Turrialba, Costa Rica, Kingston, Jamaica, and Dresden, Germany.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FSU has over 400 student organizations that allow students to find their own niche.

FINANCIAL AID: FSU offers two types of financial assistance: need-based and merit-based...Over \$160 million is given away for financial assistance each year.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 18-1... Many of the general education classes are large, lecture classes; however, over 70 percent of major classes have less than 40 students.

RESEARCH: The Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research center in both the sciences and the humanities. It is expected that more than \$100 million in external funds will be generated this year by the university faculty and administration as supplements to state funds used for research. These external funds are in the form of contracts and grants from private foundations, industries, and government agencies, and are used to support research, improve research facilities, and provide stipends for graduate students.

SPONSORED RESEARCH (2005-06): \$173,605,359

LIBRARY HOLDINGS: The University Library System contains over 2.9 million volumes, of which more than 334,000 are available electronically as e-books. The libraries subscribe to more than 51,000 current serials including academic journals, professional and trade journals, and major newspapers from around the country and the globe in both paper and electronic formats. The libraries also subscribe to more than 300 databases. The FSU Libraries include 8 libraries on campus: The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Paul A. M. Dirac Science Library, Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, Warren Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Library and Information Science Library, College of Law Library, College of Medicine Medical Library, and the College of Engineering Library. Library materials and services are also available at the FSU Panama City Campus, as well as International Programs study centers in London, Florence, and Panama, and a collection of art and related materials at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida.