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# Student Success Reflection

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What precisely is **student success**? This phrase is used widely and commonly, but what does it mean? How do universities and colleges *ensure* student success? Definitions tend to center around graduation rates and performance of students. Definitions rarely incorporate student expectations, or that of their families. Success is a grade, a score, or something done to them, rather than with them.

How often are you inundated with terminology you don't understand? Can students be successful without a solid understanding of the verbiage and terminology used in higher education? Some universities take approaches to break down the language barrier to help students and families better understand the college environment (as compared to high school). Read the [2022 State of Student Success and Engagement in Higher Education report](#). Additionally, review the new FGCU [Micro-credentials and Digital Badge website](#). Lastly, check out this new [Ted Talk](#) on Artificial Intelligence and its place in education.

Is graduation in an established time frame, and employment in a specific career, a way to measure student success? What resources exist on campus and throughout education to help students succeed? In our next module, we discuss financing of higher education and how institutions receive support through State and Federal sources. You will dive deeper into how the State of Florida uses performance measures to gauge the success of the universities- which translates to student success as they have defined it.

There are a number of key elements built into FGCU bachelor degree programs and a number of support resources available. They include undergraduate research opportunities, involvement in civic engagement and service learning, offer internships and career connections, and culminate with a capstone course or project. The services include tutoring and academic support, writing center support, a Dean of Students' Care initiative, the Office of the Ombuds. Each of these programs are intended to provide all students with more purposeful pathways through college toward a career or graduate studies, regardless of the student's chosen program or major. Are the efforts embedded in your experience at FGCU preparing you for success?

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