2016-2017 Fact Sheet
Nova Southeastern University

History
- Founded by entrepreneurs in 1964 to provide South Florida with a research institution concentrating on science and technology
- In 1974, changed name from Nova University of Advanced Technology to Nova University
- Merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in January 1994 to form Nova Southeastern University (NSU)

Description
- Private, selective, research university
- The largest private, not-for-profit institution of higher education in Florida
- Courses of study offered lead to associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degrees
- Innovative education programs offered for students in preschool through grade 12, local seniors, and individuals with Autism
- NSU's Core Values: academic excellence, student centered, integrity, Innovation, opportunity, scholarship/research, diversity, and community

Locations
- NSU's 314-acre Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus provides a complete university experience including undergraduate academic opportunities like a health care clinical shadowing program, travel study, and internships, as well as on-campus housing, NCAA Division II athletics, fraternities and sororities, and more.
- Local campuses include the East Campus in Fort Lauderdale, the North Miami Beach Campus, and the Oceanographic Campus in Dania Beach, Florida.
- Eight regional campuses are located throughout Florida and in Puerto Rico; field-based locations are available throughout Florida, across the nation, and internationally.
- NSU has 83 programs that are certified by the Southern Regional Education Board for distance learning.

Research
- NSU research is supported by 93 external agencies, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- External research funding increased 125 percent over the past decade, from $34.1 million in FY 2005 to $82 million in FY 2015.
- NSU is one of 50 universities in the nation with both the Carnegie Foundation classification of High Research Activity and Community Engagement.
- There are 200 research projects currently under way. They address such critical areas as anti-cancer therapies; cardiovascular disease; chronic fatigue syndrome; autism; coral reef restoration; stem cells; and wildlife DNA forensics.
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Programs Offered

• NSU has more than 150 associate's, bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degree programs from which to choose.

• Highly qualified students may be able to secure a seat in one of NSU's rigorous graduate or professional programs, while pursuing a bachelor's degree, through the Dual Admission Program.

• NSU also offers graduate certificates and executive education opportunities.

• NSU is the first university in Florida to offer a bachelor's degree in general engineering.

• NSU recently established a College of Allopathic Medicine, which offers an M.D. program.

• NSU's Farquhar Honors College offers unique academic and co-curricular programs to enhance the NSU experience for undergraduate students of all majors.

Degrees Awarded

• Approximately 7,500 degrees are awarded each year.

• NSU is ranked first in doctoral degrees awarded to all minorities.

Student Profile

• NSU is a private, selective, research university. Median age is 21 for full-time undergraduates, 29 for part-time undergraduates, 34 for full-time graduates, 35 for part-time graduates, 25 for full-time first-professionals, and 29 for part-time first-professionals.

• NSU's student population is 70 percent female and 30 percent male.

• The student body is 33 percent white, non-Hispanic; 56 percent minorities; and 11 percent other.

• Approximately 1,300 students live on campus.

Enrollment

• 23,236 students are enrolled.

• The average undergraduate class size is 15.

Faculty

• Of the 845 full-time faculty members, 85 percent hold the highest academic degrees in their fields.

• Approximately 1,000 individuals serve as adjunct faculty members.

Alumni

• More than 177,000 alumni hold an NSU degree.

• Alumni reside in all 50 states and more than 100 other countries.

Annual Budget and Economic Impact

• NSU's annual budget for FY2015 exceeds $570 million.

• NSU is one of the largest private employers in South Florida.

• The university's economic impact on Florida totals $3.2 billion.

Community Outreach and Business Partnerships

• NSU delivers valuable health care, psychological, and legal services to the community and was featured recently in the South Florida Sun Sentinel for its Lifelong Learning Institute and educational outreach for seniors.

• The university collaborates with other universities, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations—including the local school system and local, regional, and national governmental agencies—on a wide range of initiatives benefitting the community.

• NSU maintains more than 100 corporate partnerships that provide our students with internships, on-site corporate opportunities, and other benefits.