



**THE CORE  
AT FLAGLER  
COLLEGE**



## The Core

# YOUR FOUNDATION

## FOR MAKING HISTORY

This isn't just where your classes begin... It's where your story takes shape. Rooted in **NINE ESSENTIAL LITERACIES** and built on Flagler's core values, the Core equips you to navigate the world with curiosity, clarity, and purpose... no matter where your path leads.

### DESIGNED AROUND YOU

Your growth, your goals, and your future. From day one, you'll explore ideas that matter, sharpen the skills employers value most, and discover new ways to think, communicate, lead, and solve problems.

Your education begins with exploration... not limits. You'll build a foundation to make history.

### GENERAL EDUCATION, REINVENTED

This isn't about checking boxes or sitting through lectures you'll forget by next semester. It's about courses that spark something in you: curiosity, confidence, creativity. Every Core course is crafted to challenge you, excite you, and apply directly to the real world. You might explore civic life in **HOW TO CITIZEN** or explore global perspectives through **LITERATURE AND THE CULTURE OF SURFING**.

- » You'll engage in respectful dialogue.
- » You'll challenge assumptions, with the freedom to ask bold questions.
- » You'll learn to lead with empathy.

» **93%** of employers surveyed by The Chronicle stated that "a demonstrated capacity to **think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems** is more important than a student's College major.



# First-Year Seminar: YOUR LAUNCHPAD INTO COLLEGE LIFE

College is more than a new place. It's a new rhythm, a new community, and a new way of thinking. **First-Year Seminar (FYS)** helps you step into that experience with purpose.

## NOT YOUR TYPICAL INTRO-COURSE

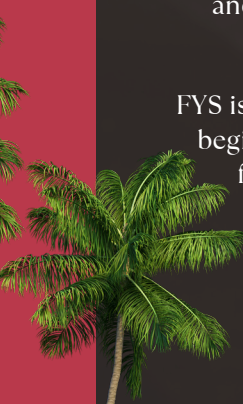
It's a chance to slow down, look around, and root yourself in something meaningful, starting with the place you now call home.

You'll read, reflect, and connect. You'll explore the vibrant streets and deep history of St. Augustine, engage in thought-provoking conversations, and begin to understand your role in a community that values curiosity, respect, and belonging.

## WHAT YOU'LL DO IN FYS

- » Dive into a **Common Read** that sparks discussion and fresh perspectives
- » Explore the **living history** of St. Augustine through walking tours and shared experiences
- » Learn how to **navigate campus life** with confidence and support

FYS is where learning becomes personal, and where you'll begin to shape your voice, your values, and your path forward at Flagler.



## Core Literacies

# THE SKILLS YOU'LL MASTER

College shouldn't just prepare you for your next class. It should prepare you for life. That's why the Core is built around **nine essential literacies**... Real skills, rooted in curiosity, critical thinking, and compassion, that prepare you to thrive in a complex world. These literacies don't just help you succeed in your major; they help you grow into a leader who can listen, adapt, and make a difference wherever life takes you.

### 1. ACADEMIC WRITING:

Write with clarity and confidence.

- » You'll learn to express complex ideas in a professional, clear, and impactful way, whether you're crafting essays, reports, or arguments that shape the way people think.

### 2. ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Speak with purpose and confidence.

- » You'll gain the skills to engage any audience confidently, persuasively, and with empathy.

### 3. NATURAL SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY:

Understand the world around you.

- » From the scientific method to data analysis, you'll learn to explore, question, and uncover how the physical world works.

### 4. SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY:

Understand people and systems.

- » You'll study human behavior and society to better navigate relationships, communities, and workplaces.

## 5. QUANTITATIVE REASONING:

Make data-driven decisions.

- » Numbers tell stories, and you'll learn how to read them. Use trends, patterns, and analysis to make informed decisions.

## 6. CREATIVITY:

Think differently.

- » Innovation starts here. You'll learn to approach problems with originality and flexibility, skills every field demands.

## 7. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INQUIRY:

See the world through multiple lenses.

- » Explore diverse worldviews and cultural perspectives, building the insight and respect needed to lead with compassion.

## 8. HISTORICAL INQUIRY:

Learn from the past... inform the future

- » You'll examine how events, ideas, and movements shape the present, and how your actions can shape the future.

## 9. ETHICAL REASONING:

Act with integrity.

- » You'll face complex questions and explore what it means to make decisions that align with personal and societal values, even when the answers aren't easy.

### WHY IT MATTERS

These aren't just academic exercises... They're the tools that employers, graduate schools, and communities value most.

By mastering these literacies, you're building a future defined by **critical thinking, ethical leadership, and real-world impact**. You're becoming someone who listens with care, questions with courage, and leads with purpose.



# FLAGSHIP

**Hands-On Learning,  
Real-World Impact.**

Some lessons can't be taught in a classroom... They have to be lived.

FlagSHIP is your opportunity as a Sophomore to apply what you've learned in a hands-on, high-impact experience that expands your perspective and pushes your learning further.

Whether you're conducting research, collaborating with a community, exploring complex issues in a seminar, or traveling to new places, you'll discover how your education can make a difference **right now**.

## CONNECTING THE DOTS

FlagSHIP connects your coursework to the real world, so you don't just learn something new... You become something new.



You'll build confidence, gain perspective, and leave with stories, skills, and insights that last far beyond graduation. Because making history starts with seeing the world, and yourself, in a whole new way!

FOUR WAYS TO

# MAKE IT REAL

FlagSHIP courses happen during **JANTERM OR MAYMESTER**, giving you the space to focus fully on immersive learning. You'll choose one of four dynamic paths:

» **COMMUNITY INTEGRATIVE EDUCATION**

Partner with organizations to solve real challenges and make a lasting impact.

» **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

Dive into original research with faculty mentors and contribute new knowledge to your field.

» **INTENSIVE SEMINAR**

Explore timely, thought-provoking topics in a deep, discussion-based setting.

» **TRAVEL EXPERIENCE**

Broaden your horizons through domestic or international travel that brings learning to life.



READY TO

# MAKE HISTORY?

At Flagler, every year brings you closer to building your own legacy. You'll gain the knowledge, skills, and connections to face whatever comes next confidently. By graduation, you'll carry a dynamic, colorful toolkit filled with unique experiences, lasting memories, and insights that set you apart.

Learn more at [www.flagler.edu/core](http://www.flagler.edu/core)

