

I spent my exchange semester at Florida Atlantic University, a pretty big school with around 30,000 students, located in a quite calm neighborhood called Boca Raton. I lived on campus, at IVA north, which is an apartment building. I shared one apartment with three other girls, two Americans and one Spanish girl. If you are planning on going to FAU I would strongly recommend you to live at IVA north or south since that is where the majority of the exchange students lived, and the only buildings that have access to a pool.

Studying at FAU is a different experience, you are taking five classes simultaneously instead of one at a time. I had a lot of homework every single week but the assignments are not difficult, they are much easier than what we are used to. At FAU you are planning your schedule on your own when you decide what classes you are going to take. I planned my schedule wisely so I only had class Tuesday-Thursday, which made it easy to plan trips over the weekends. The professors at FAU were all really helpful, professional and loved what they were doing. For my courses I chose International Marketing, Intro to programming in C, Spanish, Global Supply Chain Management and entrepreneurship. My favorites were programming and Spanish.

FAU does not really have a welcoming program for exchange students, but they do have other things going on such as midnight snacks in the cafeteria or football games etc. If I would go back, I would definitely invest in a car since the distances in Boca Raton are pretty big and we had to take an uber almost everywhere.

All in all, I recommend FAU and Florida as an exchange destination. The weather is good around the year and it is a great experience. It is easy to meet new people and you will make friends for life.