

Join the **56th Annual** Florida School of Banking!

📅 August 2-8, 2026

📍 Gainesville, FL

The Florida School of Banking is designed to equip bank personnel with advanced knowledge of the industry and broader economic trends. With over 3,000 graduates to date, the School consistently delivers a relevant, high-quality educational experience that keeps pace with the evolving landscape of banking.

Admission Requirements

The Registrar and the School Board of Directors will decide on all applicants for admission. The following admission requirements are to be met by the first day of the School session. Special circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.

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MEET OUR TEAM



Karen Sharp
Senior Class Director
Director
BankMiami



Kyle Phelps
Junior Class Director
FL Regional Market Executive
Colony Bank



Andrew Kurtz
Freshman Class Director
EVP & CFO
First Nat'l Bank of Mt. Dora



Greg Littleton
Associate Director
Chief Executive Officer
Citizens Bank & Trust



Olga Williams
School Administrator
Director of Education & Events
Florida Bankers Association



Melanie Motiska
School Registrar
Education Manger
Florida Bankers Association

1. To receive the member rate, applicants must be employed by a member bank of the Florida Bankers Association, any other out-of-state Bankers Association or a regulatory agency.
2. Applicants must be high-school graduates.
3. Applicants must have four years of banking experience prior to the opening date of the School. Two years of college education may be substituted for two years of banking experience.
4. All applicants must have the recommendation of a nominating officer or supervisor authorized by the bank.
5. All incoming students will be required to complete a Banking 101 webinar series, which will be provided, before starting the School.

Hotel/Housing & Transportation

School registration does not include accommodations. Students are responsible for booking accommodations.

It is recommended to stay at the Hyatt Place Downtown Gainesville, where FSB Students will have the opportunity to network and study together. To secure the \$174 rate, call (352) 496-7500 and mention the Florida Bankers Association by 5 p.m. by Monday, July 6, 2026. The hotel offers complimentary breakfast self-parking, and Wi-Fi.

Transportation

The FBA provides complimentary shuttle service between the Hyatt Place Downtown Gainesville and the Reitz Union, Monday through Friday. Buses will transport students to campus each morning and return to the hotel after classes conclude.



Scan to make hotel reservation

HOTEL INFORMATION

August 2-8, 2026

Hyatt Place Downtown Gainesville

Room Rate: \$174 per night ++

Reservation cutoff date: July 6, 2026



Location

The Florida School of Banking is held at the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. As one of the nation's leading universities, UF combines a vibrant campus atmosphere with a rich academic tradition. For many, this unique setting provides a memorable opportunity to experience the energy and spirit of university life, making the week immersive and inspiring.

Graduation

Graduation for Senior students will be held Friday, August 7th at the J. Wayne Reitz Union at the University of Florida. Friends, relatives, and business associates of the graduates are invited to attend. All Freshman and Junior students are expected to attend.

Honor Graduate Award

Each year, the School Board selects one Senior class student for recognition as the School Honor Graduate. This prestigious award is based on criteria such as academic excellence throughout the three-year program, active engagement and contributions in class, and meaningful contributions to the student community. Candidates for this honor are drawn from the top 10% of the class academically and must be employed by a member bank. The Honor Graduate award is announced during the graduation ceremony on Friday evening.

Meals

- Breakfast is on your own. The Hyatt Place Downtown Gainesville offers complimentary breakfast daily.
- Lunch: Each student will receive a preloaded \$75 Gator Card to use for lunch throughout the week in the Reitz Food Court.
- Dinner will be provided to all attendees on Sunday, August 2, 2025 at 5 p.m. at the Welcome Banquet in the Grand Ballroom on the Reitz Union 2nd Floor.
- Dinner is on your own August 3-7, 2026.

Attendance Requirements

All applicants must commit to attending all classes during the resident session and completing required coursework, including home study assignments.

The Curriculum

First Year

- **Banking Fundamentals:** Covers bank operations, regulations and financial concepts.
- **Industry Trends:** Focuses on fintech and digital banking advancements.
- **Banking 101 Webinar:** Provides pre-course foundational knowledge.

Second Year

- **Advanced Financial Analysis:** Involves studying balance sheets, risk management and performance indicators.
- **Leadership & Communication:** Aims to develop management and leadership skills.
- **Home Study Problems:** Engages with solving real-world banking challenges.

Third Year


- **Bank Management Simulation:** Offers hands-on experience in making decisions in a simulated bank environment.
- **Bank Board Presentations:** Involves presenting strategic plans to executives.
- **Capstone Project:** Applies learned concepts to real-world banking scenarios.

The program includes a **Final Exam, Home Study Program, Executive Leadership Discussion Panel** and **Bank Management Simulation:**

- **Final Exam:** Freshman and Junior students take a Saturday morning exam covering lecture content. Seniors are exempt, focusing instead on simulations and presentations.
- **Home Study Program (HSP):** Students complete three HSPs between freshman and junior years, with timely submission required for program continuation.
- **Executive Leadership Discussion Panel:** Freshmen attend a panel on current banking issues led by executive bank officers, with an optional session for Juniors.
- **Bank Management Simulation:** Senior students participate in a team-based simulation, making operational decisions for a virtual bank.

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Registration Costs

FBA Member Institution

By 5/10/26 **\$1,845** on 5/11/26

\$2,045

Non-Member Institution

\$4,090

FAQs for Florida School of Banking (FSB)

Q: How is the program structured?

A: The FSB is a three-year program featuring annual one-week classroom sessions. The comprehensive curriculum builds progressively each year, culminating in a Bank Simulation exercise during the final year. Each year's coursework integrates classroom learning with practical applications in banking.

Q: Who should provide my recommendation?

A: Your direct manager or supervisor should provide your recommendation, as they can best:

- Evaluate your capabilities and readiness for the program
- Assess the program's potential value to your professional development
- Approve your time commitment and required budget
- Provide meaningful insight into your qualifications

Q: How is the Honor Graduate selected?

A: The FSB Board of Directors selects an Honor Graduate based on these requirements:

- Completion of the three-year program in consecutive years
- Academic performance in the top 10% of the class
- Active participation and meaningful contributions in class
- Positive impact on the student body
- Additional criteria as determined by the Board of Directors

Q: What is the program workload?

A: The program consists of:

- One week of in-person classes each year for three years (Freshman, Junior, and Senior)
- Six Home Study Problems:
 - Three between Freshman and Junior years
 - Three between Junior and Senior years
- Final exams after Freshman and Junior years (minimum 70% passing grade required)
- Senior year Bank Simulation exercise with final presentation

Testimonials



“The program provides a well-rounded, all-encompassing view of banking and taught me how my role within my organization impacts the bank's performance. The knowledge I gained has allowed me to grow professionally and has made me a better banker.”

Ashley DeLuca

2023 FSB Honor Graduate



“I walk away from school year after year meeting new contacts in the industry and receiving a wealth of knowledge to help me perform at a higher level. Thank you, Florida School of Banking, for all you do. I cannot wait to complete my senior year in 2025!”

Jamie Lawrence

FSB Senior 2025



“The program helps participants see how their roles fit into the bigger picture, enhancing their ability to contribute to their bank's success. Attending the School of Banking is a valuable investment in individual growth and improved bank performance.”

Ginger Martin

*President and CEO
American National Bank*

Advance your banking career - enroll in the FBA School of Banking today!

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