

U.S. GRADE Network Systematic Review Workshop
Miami, Florida, USA – April 30, 2024

Workshop location:

**Student Academic Success Center (SASC), Modesto
Maidique Campus (MMC) - Multipurpose room 100
11200 SW 8th Street
Miami, Florida 33199**

Miami is a pivotal powerhouse city in the state of **Florida, United States of America**. It is a major center in international **finance, trade, arts, culture, and tourism**. According to a 2018 UBS study, Miami is the **third-richest city** in **international purchasing power**. Miami is sometimes called the "**Gateway to Latin America**" because of the magnitude of its commercial and cultural ties to the region.



Main Attractions

- **South Beach** is a lively Florida beach with ultimate glitz and glam. Feel free to swim, sun-bathe, surf, and enjoy the tropical weather.
- The **Bayside Marketplace** offers a scenic shopping experience in Downtown Miami. Various independent shops, fashion outlets, and live performances make up the lifeblood.
- **Ocean Drive** ranks high among the most popular streets in Miami. Take in the area's unique art deco hotels, restaurants, and bars – it's also great for people-watching.
- **Wynwood Walls** is one of Miami's most hip and happening districts with an outdoor gallery of colorful murals serving as an international beacon of masterful street art.

Most Notable Art/Cultural Venues in Miami

The **Frost Art and Science Museums**, The **Art Deco District**, **Art Basel**, **History Miami**, **Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts**, **Pérez Art Museum**, and the **Vizcaya Museum and Gardens** (a National Historic Landmark set on a 28-acre early 20th century estate in Coconut Grove).



Weather

Miami's climate is a **tropical monsoon** with **hot / humid summers**, and **short / warm / dry winters**. Miami receives **abundant rainfall**, one of the highest among major cities in the United States. Most **rainfall** occurs from **mid-May through early October**.

Climate data for Miami Beach, 1991–2020 normals													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °F (°C)	87 (31)	89 (32)	92 (33)	94 (34)	98 (37)	97 (36)	98 (37)	98 (37)	96 (36)	95 (35)	92 (33)	86 (30)	98 (37)
Average high °F (°C)	73.6 (23.1)	74.8 (23.8)	76.5 (24.7)	79.6 (26.4)	82.7 (28.2)	86.0 (30.0)	87.8 (31.0)	88.1 (31.2)	87.0 (30.6)	83.7 (28.7)	78.9 (26.1)	76.1 (24.5)	81.2 (27.3)
Daily mean °F (°C)	67.4 (19.7)	69.0 (20.6)	70.9 (21.6)	74.7 (23.7)	78.2 (25.7)	81.3 (27.4)	82.9 (28.3)	83.1 (28.4)	82.1 (27.8)	79.0 (26.1)	73.8 (23.2)	70.3 (21.3)	76.1 (24.5)
Average low °F (°C)	61.2 (16.2)	63.3 (17.4)	65.2 (18.4)	69.8 (21.0)	73.6 (23.1)	76.5 (24.7)	78.0 (25.6)	78.1 (25.6)	77.2 (25.1)	74.4 (23.6)	68.6 (20.3)	64.6 (18.1)	70.9 (21.6)
Record low °F (°C)	32 (0)	37 (3)	32 (0)	46 (8)	58 (14)	65 (18)	66 (19)	67 (19)	67 (19)	54 (12)	39 (4)	32 (0)	32 (0)
Average rainfall inches (mm)	2.33 (59)	2.27 (58)	2.47 (63)	3.44 (87)	4.94 (125)	7.76 (197)	5.98 (152)	7.51 (191)	8.45 (215)	6.49 (165)	3.29 (84)	2.25 (57)	57.18 (1,453)
Average rainy days (≥ 0.01 in)	6.7	6.0	6.9	6.0	8.9	14.5	12.1	14.0	14.9	11.2	8.1	6.9	116.2

Source: NOAA (extremes 1927–present)

Florida International University (Modesto A. Maidique Campus)

<https://www.fiu.edu/>

- Located in **Sweetwater, Miami**, FIU is a **public research university** facilitating success since **1972**.
- FIU offers **191 programs of study** with **more than 280 majors** in **23 colleges and schools**.
- FIU has an **annual budget of over \$1.7 billion** and an **annual economic impact of over \$5 billion**.



- FIU is classified as a **top-tier Doctoral University – Very high research activity** by the **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**.
- FIU is the **No. 29 university in the nation and the fourth-ranked public university** according to the America's Best Colleges 2024 rankings published on WSJ.com.

FIU's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

<https://medicine.fiu.edu/>

- **FIU's College of Medicine** has a full capacity of **480 medical students—120 students per class**. The first class **began in 2009 and graduated in 2013**.
- The college works in affiliation with clinical community partners including **Broward Health, Citrus Health Network, Cleveland Clinic Foundation Florida, Jackson Health System, Memorial Health Care System (Hollywood), Mercy Hospital (Miami), and Mount Sinai Medical Center (Miami)**.





- The College of Medicine has just established a comprehensive alliance with **Baptist Health South Florida** that will expand **undergraduate / graduate programs**, develop **clinical / teaching facilities**, grow **faculty-physician practices**, and deepen **research ventures**.

Recommended Hotel Options

As a touristic hub, Miami offers plenty of options for accommodation. However, before booking, we recommend that you **check the distance between the hotel and FIU Maitique Campus** (traffic at rush hours is heavy, and public transportation is limited; Uber-like services are the best choice).

We recommend that you look for accommodation mostly in Doral and around the Miami International Airport.

Below there are links for two sites that offer special rates to FIU visitors. When you click the link and choose the dates, the FIU rates should come up.

Hotel	Distance (miles)	Address	Phone Number	Code	Link
Cambria Suites Miami Airport	7.5	6750 NW 7th St., Miami, FL, US, 33126	786-623-5113	LFIU	Rates & Available Rooms - Cambria Hotel Miami Airport - Blue Lagoon (choicehotels.com)
Holiday Inn Miami West	12.5	7707 NW 103rd Street, Hialeah Gardens, FL 33016	305-825-1000	Website Link Only	Hotels in Hialeah, FL Holiday Inn Miami West - Airport Area (ihg.com)

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