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FEU Alabang: The Best of Both Worlds

Located in the heart of the renowned Filinvest City business park, FEU Alabang offers senior high and various college programs in business, science, engineering, and technology.

Having opened in 2018, it is the FEU Group of School's newest campus and it maintains an active presence on social media.

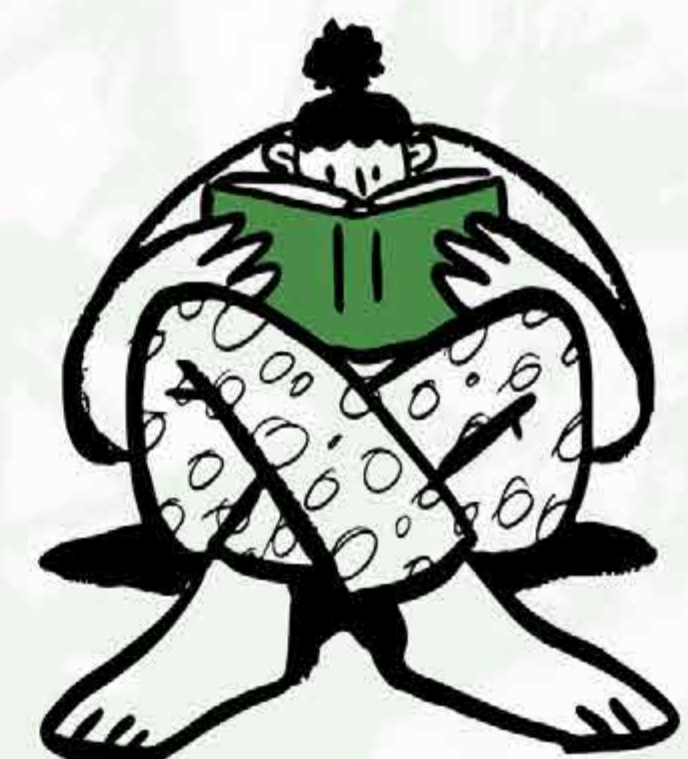
It's worth noting that FEU Alabang has a host of unique features that contributes to its own unique charm.

For one, the campus is specifically designed to co-exist with the abundance of greenery surrounding it. When the campus was being constructed, precautions were taken to minimize the need to cut down on trees.

FEU Alabang's location also places it in close proximity to a number of well-established corporations, making it easier to negotiate meaningful partnerships and internships for the students.

With the host of perks that the school boasts, it's worth noting that FEU Alabang certainly knows how to give back to the community as well. During the Taal Volcano eruption, for example, the FEU Alabang community came together to donate 700 relief bags for victims of the natural disaster. The Library Services, Registrar's Office, and Human Resource Office also sent volunteers to serve as additional manpower.

Overall, what FEU Alabang shows is that it's more than possible to have the modernity and efficiency of today's technology, all while keeping one foot firmly planted to the community and environment around them. A student learning at FEU Alabang is sure to get the best of both worlds, becoming that more well-rounded in the process.



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FEU Diliman: Looking to Tomorrow

Spanning ten-hectares of property and offering education from kindergarten all the way up to college, FEU Diliman bears the distinction of having the biggest campus in the FEU Group of Schools.

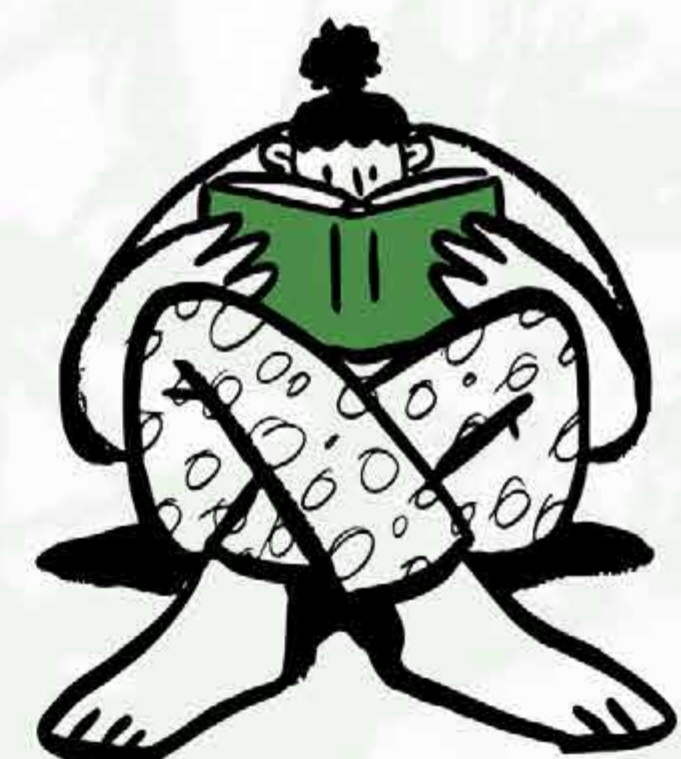
Though presiding over such a large community is certainly a challenge, FEU Diliman also leverages its size to offer unique opportunities. As explained in their "FEU Diliman Basic Education" video, one advantage of having a massive community is it provides a bigger space for students to learn and grow from one another.

They also offer unique courses to more students. FEU Diliman, for example, is known for its exclusive programs that blend the best of business majors (Accountancy, Marketing Management, Financial Management, etc.) and information technology (Multimedia Technology, Business Analytics).

With these courses especially designed with the modern job market in mind (the school has strong linkages to BPOs and business enterprises), FEU Diliman guarantees that its graduates will carry with them a competitive edge as they go into the real world.

It isn't just about the degrees either. The campus also has a special unit called the iTamaraw Center for Academic Resources and Enrichment (iCARE) that especially aims to augment student learning. Among some of the service iCare provides are enhancement classes, one-on-one tutorials, review classes and so much more.

In the age of increasing digitization and growing reliance on technology-backed services, FEU Diliman definitely hopes to become a hub for the next generation of technopreneurs.



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FEU Tech: Opportunities From the First Year and Beyond

FEU Institute of Technology (FEU Tech) has always believed in leveraging modern technology to deliver the best education to its students.

This is illustrated by the number of quality college programs offered at the campus. The school's engineering programs have consistently produced topnotchers in licensure exams. Not only that, FEU Tech has managed a 100% passing rate for those taking the Mechanical Engineering Licensure Exam last year.

Of course, the quality education does not stop there. FEU Tech is also proud to offer a 2-in-1 Information Technology program that gives students the skills of being an IT pro as well as choices between a web developer, digital artist, game developer, and more. FEU Tech has consistently ranked in the top 3% of Philippine I.T. schools, all while also offering programs in Computer Science and Multimedia Arts.

A useful supplement to these programs is also the various certification programs available through the school, such as those from Microsoft Certifications and Cisco Networking Academy.

All of these lead to great career opportunities. For one, it's been a long-time practice for FEU Tech students to undergo 1,040 hours to give them the most practical experience possible. Additionally, students have a score of opportunities from any of the 800 industry partners and 15 international partner schools that are proud to work with FEU Tech. All of these lead to FEU Tech students having a 96% employability rate once they graduate.

Furthermore, there is no shortage of scholarships available. FEU Tech currently offers up to 8 scholarship programs, ranging from the Entrance Merit Scholarship to the President's Scholarship. These guarantee that a quality education is truly accessible to the most deserving of students.

Truly, FEU Tech has always provided the best opportunities no matter what, from the moment a student decides to enroll in the campus all the way to the start of their careers. Pandemic or no pandemic, this is the mission that they will always keep close to heart.

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FEU Alabang, Diliman and Tech Announcements

With community quarantine guidelines still in effect for the foreseeable future, learning is now shifting to online platforms like the MILES program. Yet it's not just that that's changed--even transactions and dealings with the school have gone digital. Thus, proper clarification on academic guidelines is especially a must.

Below are the FEU family's latest academic guidelines made in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Enrollment

With the class start date now having been set at August 24, instead of the originally planned June 8, enrollment for classes at all three campuses is now open.

The enrollment steps for each campus can be easily found on their respective Facebook pages.

- For FEU Alabang, visit <http://bit.ly/FEUAlabangEnrollment>
- For FEU Diliman, visit <http://bit.ly/FEUDilimanEnrollment>
- For FEU Tech, visit <http://bit.ly/FEUTechEnrollment>

Kindly remember to email confirmations to the respective online support emails of each campus, complete with the following details: student name, number and remarks/notes. Afterwards, enrollees can select "learning mode" via the student portal and then view their Certificate of Recognition.

New, returning and irregular students

Students who are new, returning or irregular should take note of their enrollment schedule for 1st Term S.Y. 2020-2021 which can be found here.

Preparing for the School Year: Tech and Gadgets

The MILES program is a dynamic and flexible learning platform that will be at the forefront of education for years to come. It will be available for students of the Tech, Alabang, and Diliman campuses on August 2020, as a way to ensure that students are always learning even despite the difficulties posed by the crisis.

Students are then highly encouraged to secure access to a basic, functioning computer and a stable Internet connection. With the vast majority of classes now being held online, these tools can provide great assistance in making sure teachers and students keep in touch.

Yet, the FEU Group of Schools understand the situation is different for everyone. That's why the MILES program is proud to offer various options that allow for a blend of both offline and online learning, to ensure no student has to put their education on hold.

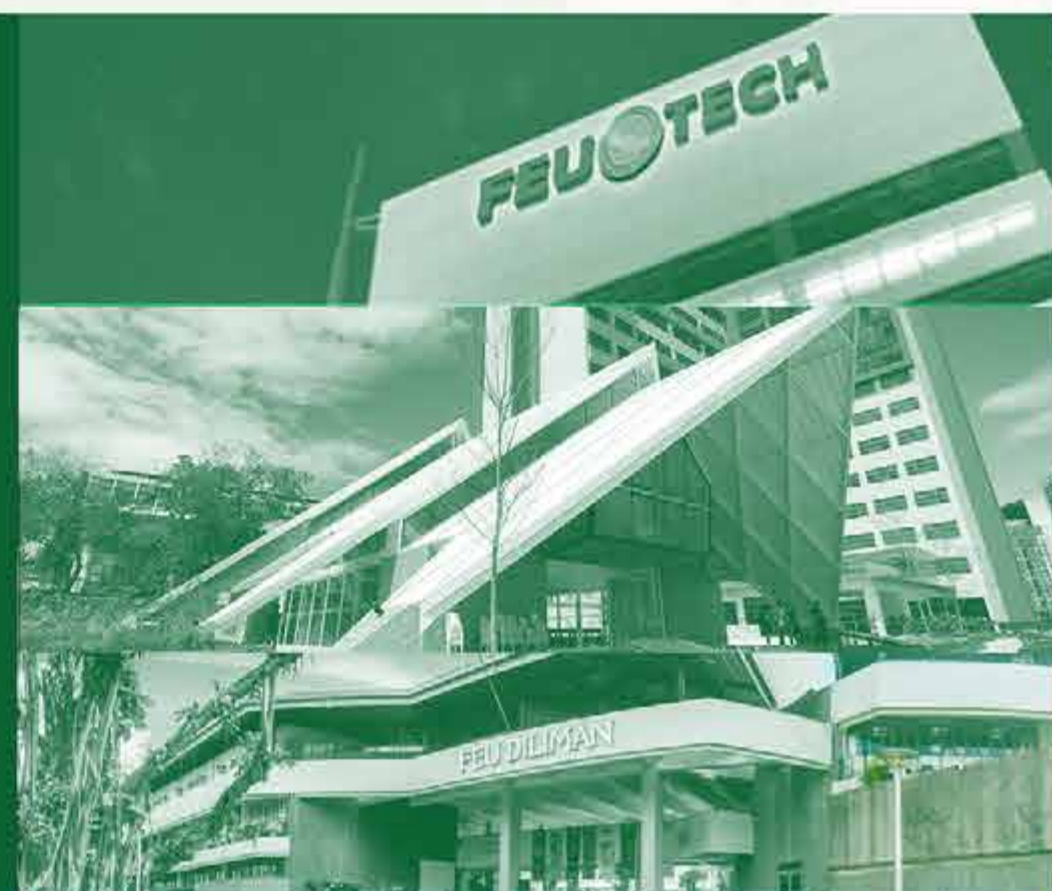
Aside from a "Fully Online" function where classes are held asynchronously over the Internet, there's also the "Blended Online" function. How this works is the student will only have to go online for scheduled assessments, consultations and submission of assignments. The rest of the learning will be done through distributed digital packets (flash drives).

To say that these past few months have been difficult for all is an understatement. Yet with a combination of perseverance, optimism and a zealous commitment to following the best health practices, the FEU Alabang, FEU Diliman, and FEU Tech family believe we can all be together again in no time.

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FEU Tech/Alabang/Diliman's Here For You

The next step of virtual learning is here. As FEU Alabang, FEU Diliman, and FEU Tech roll out its new virtual educational system MILES (Mastery-based and Individualized Learning Enhancement System), it is normal for students, parents, and teachers alike to have some questions and concerns regarding the new system.

Below is a guide to some of the more pressing concerns parents may have.

With all the independent learning offered by both the Fully Online and Blended Online options, for example, some parents may wonder if teachers will still provide guidance. Are teachers or faculty then still involved in the MILES?

Yes, teachers are still part of the big picture for this learning system. MILES is fully inclusive and allows for students to reach out or consult teachers online during working hours. Teachers may thus provide them with pertinent feedback and mentorship. This ensures that students will have all the help they need to tackle their own individual learning, and provides them with an avenue to seek academic guidance if under distress.

With all this independence for the student, how will progress be tracked? For this, MILES employs two types of assessments. The first is called a Formative Assessment. This is the test given at the end of each subtopic within modules to determine the level of mastery the student has for each sub-topic. Think of this assessment as a minor quiz or graded output.

The next step? Once the student has satisfactorily completed each subtopic, he or she will then need to accomplish the Summative Assessment. This is the test given at the end of each learning module, and tests the student's mastery of all the sub-topics involved in the module. This assessment is akin to a long test or major quiz. These two types of assessments will determine the level of mastery of the course the student has achieved.

Of course, the good news is that parents and students can also ask respective departments at school for any other matter.

For inquiries and specific course information, click on the following links to access the official campus website of FEU Alabang, FEU Diliman and FEU Tech.

Individualized learning within the MILES Program

Though COVID-19 quarantine restrictions have begun to relax, there's no guarantee that schools and universities will return to the traditional, face-to-face, classroom environment anytime soon. As the academic calendar shifts to a new school year, so will the medium students will use while still in the midst of the pandemic.

Thus, in a collegiate setting, online methods are being integrated across different universities part of the "new normal". At FEU Alabang, FEU Diliman, and FEU Tech, this innovation comes in the form of the MILES program. With this, the school aims to integrate quality education right at the comfort of the student's home. The program will be executed through the two (2) distinct modes of learning offered to cater to each student's needs.

The first of these will be the Fully Online learning method for students with steady access to a stable Internet connection or cellular data. With this option, everything will be done online, from uploading and accessing of lessons and assignments, assessments, and faculty consultations. For those with limited Internet access, the Blended Online uses Digital Learning Packets (DLP) to give students offline access to the relevant materials.

With MILES, students and parents can effectively set learning at the pace that is most comfortable to them. Since the relevant learning resources will be available 24/7 and classes asynchronous (even under the Fully Online option), learning can truly happen anytime and anywhere.

It is safe to say that as the country transitions to the "new normal," schooling options are definitely transforming. The 2 modes under MILES are now geared to help them attain the highest standard of education within FEU Alabang, FEU Diliman, and FEU Tech, while adapting to remote learning at a self-paced rate. This solution effectively eliminates the need for students to take a gap year, or even to try and homeschool on their own.

Official campus websites:
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FEU Diliman: <https://www.feudiliman.edu.ph/>
FEU Tech: <https://www.feutech.edu.ph/>

For more information about the MILES Program and the 2 modes of learning, see bit.ly/MILESModesOfLearning

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FEU Tech: <https://facebook.com/feueac>