

Welcome and Login Page

Welcome to Panther Central! With this site, you will be able to see what is going on on campus, keep up to date with current events, and also get information about registering for classes, financial aid and grades. This site will let you have a single sign on to access PAWS and Panther Den. It will also have links and let you create links to other websites.

Login

The first thing that you will see on this page is the Search Box. You can use the search box to find information within the South Florida Community College website.

Next is the Secure Access Login. This is where you put in your valid username (which is your GID) and your password (which is your current PAWS password or six digit date of birth). Also there is information for Login assistance posted here. If you wish to change your password, you may do so under My Account in the top left corner of the Homepage.

The next section is Scheduled Maintenance. This is where we will post information about Panther Central's maintenance and scheduled downtimes.

The What's Inside section lists features that may be available in Panther Central. These are just examples and not hyperlinks.

Next is the Calendar Events. This is a list of all events listed on South Florida Community College's calendar.

The next section is the Twitter section. This is a link to South Florida Community College's twitter account "SFCC Panthers".

The last section is Campus Security. This section lists the contact information and website link for SFCC Campus Security.

Homepage

On this page you will see a series of boxes. Each of these boxes are called Channels. You can change the layout of the page, by clicking on Content Layout in the top left corner of the page. If you want to see how to do this, it will be in another tutorial. Each Channel has a series of three or more buttons in the top right corner of them. If you are able to click on the X, then you may delete that Channel, if it is shaded out you must leave it. The button with the arrow lets you minimize the Channel, and the button with the square lets you maximize it. In the top right corner of the page you will see a series of buttons. The first one is Calendar. This will open a personal calendar for you to keep track of your schedule. It is not linked to the college calendar though. The next button is the Groups button. This is a shortcut to the Group Studio Channel, which we will discuss later on. There is also a Logout button, and a Help button. I will now discuss what each channel is.

The first section on the page is Campus Announcements. Any campus wide announcements that need to be made will be posted in this section.

The next section is Personal Announcements. Announcements posted in this section will be sent to users based on specific attributes, such as their role, major, or membership in a group that meets specific criteria.

The Events at SFCC section shows upcoming college events.

Next is the Campuses and Centers section. In this section, you will see a series of hyperlinks that are connected to the SFCC homepage. It lists all of the SFCC campuses and centers with maps and directions for each of them.

The Group Studio Activity Channel displays all group-related information. You can access the group application by clicking on “View All Groups” or by clicking on the “Groups” icon in the upper right corner of the page. This will be explained in more detail in another tutorial.

The next section is New Student Orientation. This section is geared towards new students and can be deleted after you are finished with the orientation if you would like. By clicking New Student Orientation, a new window will open up and you will be directed to the Panther Den homepage for this section. Just follow the directions in the News section on this page to complete your orientation.

The Photo of the Week shows SFCC students participating in various facets of college life.

The Public Relations Resources Channel explains the branding of the college and the proper uses for the college logos.

Next is the Quick Links section. This section will link you to different important SFCC applications.

Below Quick Links is the Bookmarks section. In this section, you can create internet shortcuts and organize them in folders. This section will be explained more in its own tutorial.

Next is the Local News section. In this section there are hyperlinks to the local newspapers. By clicking on one of them, it will take you to that particular newspaper's website.

The last section on this page is Dining Services. There is a hyperlink in this section that links you to Kelly's Corner on the SFCC website.

Tutorial Page.

The Tutorial Page is simply a how to page. It will help answer any questions that you may have as you learn to navigate and use Panther Central. By clicking on the question itself, you will be directed to the Help section of Panther Central for a more in-depth answer to the question being asked.

Student Page

This page links you to your PAWS account. It has a variety of resources on it including links to Financial Aid, Registration, and Grades information.

The first channel, Financial Aid Requirements, will let you know if you have any financial aid requirements for that aid year. It also will link you to any holds that you may have, your status, and your progress.

The Financial Aid Awards channel links you to any financial aid awards that you may have.

In the Financial Aid Resources channel, you will find links to financial aid forms and types of aid available.

The Financial Aid Guides channel contains how-to instructions for applying for financial aid.

The Registration Tools channel provides self-service links for students to register for classes and check on registration status.

The Student Email channel provides a quick link to Panther Den for easy access to your student email account.

Your grades for the selected term will be posted in the Student Grades channel.

The My Account channel links you to your account for the term selected. It also lists your balance for that term.

The Account Service Links channel provides self-service links to student account balance and tax information.

The Quick Links channel provides links to important SFCC applications.

The Student Help Guides channel contains how-to instructions on how to complete various tasks in self-service.

The Academic Profile channel lists any degree that you may have earned, program that you are in, the term, campus, major, advisors, etc...

The Self-Service channel provides links to the PAWS Personal Information and Student Services and Financial Aid tabs.

The Tutoring and Learning Center channel links you to the TLC page on the SFCC website. It will tell you what they can do for you, where they are located, and their hours.

The Student Resources channel provides links to the college catalog, student handbook, and a schedule of classes for the selected term.

The Library Databases section provides links to CCLA (College Center for Library Automation).

Campus Life

On the campus life page, you will find information about any and all activities going on on campus.

The first section on this page is the Student Activities section. This is where you will find links to information about different student happenings on campus. It also will link you to various documents and forms that you may need for SGA and other student organizations.

Next is the Student Government Association section. This will link you to the SFCC SGA homepage. It will also take you to a spot for feedback, and the SGA Group Studio area.

The next section is the Group Studio Activity Channel. This section will display all group related information. You can access the group application by clicking on “View All Groups” or by clicking on the “Groups” icon in the upper right corner of the page. This will be explained in more detail in another tutorial.

Next is the Athletics section. This section links you to the SFCC website homepage of the sport that you choose. There you will be able to find out that sports roster, schedule, etc...

The last section under this tab is the Bookmarks section. In this section, you can create internet shortcuts and organize them in folders. This section will be explained more in its own tutorial.

My Courses Page

This page links you to Panther Den/D2L. It will link you to the course that you choose, and take you to that course’s homepage. There are also links that will take you to the Library and Testing Centers homepage on the SFCC website. Below those two links is a link for the online tutorials for Panther Den.

Logout Page

Always make sure that you logout completely when you are through working with Panther Central. Remember, this is a direct link to your personal information! Panther Central will automatically log you out after 60 minutes of inactivity.