Florida Atlantic University offers scholarships in sports that compete at the NCAA Division I level in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

**2003-04 Highlights**

**Baseball** - has been one of the premier programs in the nation. In 2004, FAU won its first A-Sun Conference Tournament title and secured a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time since 1999. Its 2004 campaign featured a national ranking as high as no. 10.

**Men's Basketball** - features one of the most talented players in the A-Sun. Mike Bell sprang on to the scene in 2003-04 and nearly became the first Owl to average a double-double. Entering the 2004-05 season, Bell will be one of the top candidates for A-Sun Preseason Player-of-the-Year.

**Women's Basketball** - put together its third straight winning season in A-Sun play in 2003-04. Over the past three years, the Lady Owls have averaged 12 conference wins per season and have qualified for A-Sun Tournament play in each of Chancellor Dugan's five seasons.

**Men's & Women's Cross Country** - are programs that continued their strong showing in 2003. The women's team had its best season in history with a fifth place showing at the A-Sun Championship and advanced to its first NCAA Regional. With the majority of athletes returning on both sides, head coach Alex Smolka hopes to continue making improvements in his third season at the helm.

**Football** - continued its stunning growth at FAU. In 2003, its third season, the Owls came within one game of playing for the national championship. The season began with a thrilling upset of Division I-A Middle Tennessee State and also included a 10-game winning streak. In 2004, FAU begins play in the Sun Belt conference as it moves from I-AA to I-A.

**Men's Golf** - laid the groundwork for continued success in 2003-04. The team finished in the top-five in three tournaments with seven top-10 finishes. The effort also included Torstein Nevestad begin named Second-Team All-Conference as well as A-Sum Freshman-of-the-Year.

**Women's Golf** - had yet another successful campaign in 2003-04. The season featured the end of one of the best four-year careers in FAU history. Natalia Navarro, the A-Sun Golfer-of-the-Year, ended her collegiate career by qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, a first for FAU golf in the Division I era. FAU finished sixth or better in all 10 tournaments it participated in.

**Men's Soccer** - had one of its best seasons ever in 2003. The Owls, led by longtime head coach Kos Donev, posted an 11-9-1 record and a 6-3 mark in the A-Sun. The season also featured the team's run at an A-Sun championship. The Owls came within one win of its first conference title. The team was powered by A-Sun Player-of-the-Year Kristoffer Aarskog, who led the conference in points per game and was among the nation's leaders in scoring. The team's success also included a record 55 goals scored.

**Women's Soccer** - has been one of the most successful programs in the Atlantic Sun. Over the past four years, the team has averaged over 14 wins per season. In 2003, the Lady Owls won a team-record 16 matches en route to their third A-Sun Tournament championship game in the past four years. FAU also received the program’s second regular season title and a first ever no. 1 seed in the conference tournament. Last year also saw Rhonda Jones named A-Sun Player-of-the-Year. Jones was one of seven players who received A-Sun post-season honors. In 2003, the team broke or tied 26 records.
**Athletics**

**Softball** - has put itself at a level that no team, regardless of sport, has achieved in the history of the A-Sun. The Owls won their eighth straight conference title in 2004 and advanced to their sixth straight NCAA Tournament. Its' 56 wins in 2004 was third best in school history. Junior pitcher Candice Freel was named A-Sun Pitcher-of-the-Year and finished the year among the top-10 in the nation in ERA. Over the past three years, FAU has averaged 54 wins.

**Men's & Women's Swimming** - has qualified on swimmer at every Olympics since 1988 and had its first U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier in 2004. The squad also broke nine school records and swam nine consideration times for the NCAA Championships at the conference meet. A freshman advanced to the NCAA Championships and will return to a squad with lots of hopes entering its first season in the Sun Belt Conference.

**Men's Tennis** - had yet another impressive season in 2004 as it posted a 15-6 record and advanced to the semifinals of the A-Sun Championship. FAU was also well represented among post-season honors as two Owls were named First-Team All-Conference.

**Women's Tennis** - is coming off another season in which it was ranked in nearly every weekly ITA national poll. The Lady Owls posted a 16-6 record in 2004 and had two players finish with First-Team All-Conference honors. In 2003, FAU went 19-6 on its way to its first A-Sun Championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Over the past three years, the team has won 62 matches.

**Women's' Track & Field** - is just months older than football and is still accomplishing firsts. The team finished second at the A-Sun meet for its highest finish in the program's fourth year of existence. Four All-Conference performances guided the squad into the NCAA Regional meet. Two runners finished in the top-15 as the runners participated in their second-consecutive Regional.

**Volleyball** - advanced to the semifinal round of the conference tournament for the eighth consecutive year in 2003. The return of seven players will play a vital role in the bid for a conference title in 2004. Individually, senior Giovana Milaneze was named the University’s student-athlete of the year and earned District 3 Academic All-American honors last season.