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## Brew U- FIU's Beer Brewing Class

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WSVN -- When we think of college, we think of tough classes and heavy workload, but there's something new being served up at Florida International University. Tonight, we take a look at Brew U.

There's no denying it: Beer often plays a part in college life. But now FIU students are getting credit for it!

Dr. Barry Gump: "We go to class, we make beer, we will taste beers as a part of every class."

A beer brewing class sounds like a dream come true, but FIU Professor of Beverage Management, Dr. Barry Gump, and his students take this course very seriously.

Me: "Is this an easy A?"

Aracelis Jimenez: "If you work for it! You can't just miss class and expect to pass; you can't just come in class and drink beer and then just go home."

Nyle Molina: "Brewing's not exactly the easiest thing. There's a lot of hard labor and cleaning and stuff involved."

Some of that stuff includes math and science.

Dr. Barry Gump: "They have certain calculations they have to learn how to do. They will get a number of chemistry lessons, that being my background. Much of what you are doing in the brewing process is actually applied physics, and of course, we're using yeast living organisms, so you're into biology and biochemistry."

Subjects that sometimes scare students away are now being taught in a setting that gets young minds brewing.

Aracelis Jimenez: "Before I started the class, I knew I liked beer. I liked to go out and drink beer, and I enjoy tasting different kinds of beer, but it's really so much more than that."

The class is like most college science courses. It includes a lecture and a lab. Students learn about sanitation and the materials needed to appropriately and safely brew, because there is a science to creating beer.

Aracelis Jimenez: "You want the beer to be clear, or maybe it's a beer that should be hazy or a beer that has a particular taste."

This class is part of a bigger mission for FIU.

Dr. Barry Gump: "We want to be able to work with food and beverage industries to help solve their problems, and furthermore to help train students who would be able to go and profitably work for them."

And the students are making this class work for their futures.

Nyle Molina: "I landed a job at Funky Buddha Brewery in Oakland Park, Florida. I really owe a lot of that to FIU."

Dr. Barry Gump: "Well, one of the very first students, she is now the head brewer at a brewery in Inglewood, California. They're building a new brewery for her."

So check it out for yourself. The Brew FIU crew encourages you to stop in for a taste of what they're offering.

Dr. Barry Gump: "Come and take the class, and you will have a different opinion when

you're done."

You don't have to be a student to take advantage of this class! To find out how you can sign up, go to [fiu.edu](http://fiu.edu) for more information.

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