

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 9, 2011**

SUBJECT: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences at the New College of Florida to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider for Approval the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences (CIP 24.0199) at New College of Florida to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, Subsection 1007.25 (8), Florida Statutes; Board of Governors Regulation 8.014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New College of Florida (NCF) offers only one degree program with concentrations available in various arts and sciences disciplines. The program is a rigorous honors program which includes innovative pedagogy, narrative evaluations, undergraduate senior thesis, and a baccalaureate exam. The foundation of a student's degree program is individualized study which utilizes contracts and Independent Study Projects. Credit hour equivalencies equally 124 credit hours have been in place since 1975 and serve as the basis for calculating tuition and transfer credit. Approving the program to exceed 120 credit hours to degree provides a level of definitive documentation, especially when working with Florida Prepaid representatives as well as NCF students and their parents regarding degree requirements.

Approval of the Request to Exceed 120 Credit Hours to Degree program is scheduled to be considered by the NCF University Board of Trustees on November 4, 2011. If the request is approved, it will be brought forward for consideration by the Board of Governors at the November meeting. Pending approval, NCF will implement the request effective immediately.

Supporting Documentation Included: NCF Request

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Ann Duncan