

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

DATE: November 24, 2008

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: 6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

SUMMARY: Regulation 6.017 currently references several State Board of Education rules in specifying the criteria for the award of a baccalaureate degree.

The regulation has been amended to serve as a stand-alone regulation, while remaining aligned with the general education requirements used by all public institutions of higher education in Florida. Requirements for the award of a baccalaureate degree are provided, with a stipulation that the Board of Governors may grant exceptions as needed. Language has been added to reflect the criteria for the award of a baccalaureate degree from New College.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION: The full text of the proposed regulation for amendment is posted on Board of Governor's Web site at www.flbog.edu. In addition, the full text of the regulation is available upon request to the Office of the Chancellor, at (850) 245-0466.

AUTHORITY TO AMEND REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION: Vikki Shirley, General Counsel.

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

~~Prior to receiving a baccalaureate degree from any university in the State University System, a student must satisfy the following requirements in order to be considered eligible for graduation:~~

- ~~(1) Completion of requirements in English and Mathematics as prescribed by the State Board of Education in Rule 6A-10.030;~~
- ~~(2) Presentation of passing scores on all four subtests of the College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) as required by Rule 6A-10.0314; unless the student meets the requirements of Rule 6A-10.0311(5), or Section 240.107(9)(a), (b), or (c), F.S.~~
- ~~(3) Completion of any other degree program requirements as specified by the University.~~

(1) Except as approved by the Board of Governors, all students receiving a baccalaureate degree within the State University System must meet the following graduation requirements:

(a) Completion of thirty-six (36) semester hours of general education courses in the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, including:

1. Six (6) semester hours of English coursework and six semester hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section. Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.

2. Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher. Applied logic, statistics and other computation-based coursework that may not be offered by a mathematics department may be used to fulfill three (3) of the six (6) hours required by this section. Students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.

(b) Completion of a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) credit hours through university coursework, acceleration mechanisms, and/or transfer credit.

(c) Presentation of passing scores on all four (4) subtests of the College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) or documented waiver of this requirement.

(2) In addition to meeting system-wide graduation requirements, students must meet university and programmatic graduation requirements.

(3) At New College of Florida contracts and independent study projects take the place of credit hours and grades. Working with professors, students design a course of study that parallels their interests and establish contracts each semester that specify academic activities and how student achievement will be evaluated. Students also complete three month-long independent study projects and a senior thesis or senior project. The requirements for earning a Bachelor's degree at New College of Florida are satisfactory completion of the following: seven contracts, three independent study projects, the liberal arts curriculum requirements, a senior thesis or project, and a baccalaureate exam.