

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT

DATE: November 6, 2015

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 6.004, Admission of Undergraduate, Degree-Seeking Transfer Students

SUMMARY: Regulation 6.004 provides guidance related to minimum standards expected for admission of undergraduate, degree-seeking transfer students. The proposed amendments to the regulation delete duplicative information within the description of the Associate in Arts degree, and divides the "other transfer students" section into transfers with less than 30 transferable semester hours and transfers with 30 or more but less than 60 transferable semester hours. This division is an effort to address the needs of returning student veterans and other qualified non-traditional students. The regulation, however, keeps the emphasis of the Associate in Arts transfer students as the primary focus for the System and institutions.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE 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 REGULATION: Richard Stevens, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs.

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION 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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6.004 Admission of Undergraduate, Degree-Seeking Transfer Students

(1) This regulation outlines minimum eligibility requirements for transfer students seeking admission to an undergraduate degree program in the State University System (SUS). Individual institutions may choose to establish more stringent admission requirements for students not admitted under paragraph three (3) of this regulation.

(2) All Undergraduate Transfer Students.

- (a) For the purposes of this regulation, undergraduate transfer students are defined as students who have earned twelve (12) or more semester hours of transferable college credit since receiving a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (b) Eligibility for admission to the SUS does not guarantee admission to the specific institution or degree program to which admission is sought.
- (c) Each university board of trustees shall develop regulations governing the admission of undergraduate transfer students that comport with the requirements outlined in Board of Governors Board-regulations. Such regulations may allow for exceptions to be made on an individual basis when a student, in the judgment of an appropriate university committee, can reasonably be expected to perform satisfactory academic work in the institution and program to which admission is sought.
- (d) Each university shall require undergraduate transfer applicants to submit or authorize transmission of a complete official academic transcript from each postsecondary institution attended, as well as a complete official academic transcript of all secondary work, when applicable. Each transcript shall list all courses for which the student was enrolled each term, the status in each course at the end of the term, all grades and credits awarded, and a statement explaining the grading policy of the institution. Each transcript should also specify any college credits the student earned through accelerated mechanisms.
- (e) Each undergraduate transfer student admitted to the SUS is expected to demonstrate competency of foreign language or American Sign Language equivalent to the second high school level or higher (Spanish 2, Haitian Creole 2, etc). Students transferring to a state university without meeting the foreign language admissions requirement in high school may meet the requirement by successfully completing a postsecondary foreign language or American Sign Language elementary 2 course demonstrating equivalent foreign language competency on the basis of scores determined by the *Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) Credit-By-Exam Equivalencies*, as adopted by the Board of Governors and accessible at www.fldoe.org/articulation/; or demonstrating equivalent foreign language or American Sign Language competency through other means approved by the university. A limited number of undergraduate transfer students not meeting this foreign language requirement may be admitted; however, these students must fulfill the foreign language requirement prior to completion of the baccalaureate degree.

- (f) Any undergraduate transfer student with a disability shall be eligible for reasonable substitution or modification of any requirement for admission pursuant to Board Regulation 6.018.
- (g) In addition to meeting university requirements, undergraduate transfer applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:
 1. Be in good standing and eligible to return to the last postsecondary institution attended as a degree-seeking student, and
 2. Have a grade point average of at least 2.00 on a 4.00 system on all college-level academic courses attempted.

(3) Associate in Arts (AA) Degree Graduates from Florida College System Institutions and SUS Universities.

- (a) An AA graduate from a Florida public postsecondary institution shall receive priority for admission to a state university over out-of-state transfer students. Recruitment materials, catalogs, orientation programs, and student handbooks provided to freshman enrollees and transfer students at state universities shall include an explanation of this provision.
- (b) Within curriculum, space, and fiscal limitations, admission to the upper division of one of the state universities shall be granted to an AA graduate of a Florida public postsecondary institution, provided the AA degree has been awarded based on the following:
 1. Completion of sixty (60) semester hours of college credit courses in an established program of study, exclusive of courses not accepted in the state university system, and including a general education core curriculum of thirty-six (36) semester hours of college credit in communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences with the remaining twenty-four (24) semester hours consisting of appropriate common program prerequisite courses and electives.
 2. Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in all courses attempted, and in all courses taken at the institution awarding the degree, provided that only the final grade received in courses repeated by the student shall be used in computing the average. The grade of "D" shall transfer and count toward the associate and baccalaureate degrees in the same way as "D" grades obtained by native students. The 60 hours that comprise a completed AA degree shall be accepted in total upon transfer to an upper division program. Subsequent admission to a limited access degree program, as defined in Board Regulation 8.013, may require a higher overall grade point average than 2.0.
 3. Completion of requirements for English and mathematics courses as adopted by the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education.
 4. ~~Achievement of the minimum standards for college level communication and computation skills as required by section 1007.25, Florida Statutes.~~
- (c) The AA degree is the primary basis for admission of transfer students from Florida College System institutions to upper division study in a state university. Every AA graduate from the Florida College System shall be granted admission

to an upper division program consistent with the Articulation Agreement between the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education.

(4) Other Transfer Students.

- (a) Transfers with less than 30 transferrable semester hours - In addition to meeting the general requirements described in subparagraph (12) above, undergraduate transfer students seeking admission to the lower division of a state university with less than 30 transferrable semester hours as determined by the university must satisfy the same admission requirements as first-time- in-college (FTIC) freshmen as specified in Board Regulation 6.002. However, a university may admit lower-level transfer students not meeting FTIC freshman requirements on a limited basis, pursuant to university policy, if the student, in the judgment of an appropriate university committee, can reasonably be expected to complete satisfactory academic work in the institution and program to which admission is sought.
- (b) Transfers with 30 or more but less than 60 transferrable semester hours - In addition to meeting the general requirements described in subparagraph (2) above, students must have successfully completed (C or higher) at least one English Composition course and one college level mathematics course that consists of three (3) semester credit hours. High school transcripts may be required to demonstrate completion of the foreign language admission requirement. Students not meeting these requirements must meet the requirements for transfer students with less than 30 transferrable semester hours.
- (c) Except for students in articulated Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science to Bachelor in Science degree programs approved by the Board of Governors, transfer applicants for admission to the upper division of a university are expected to have completed at least 60 semester hours of transferable credit in college-level academic courses.

(5) A transfer student from a Florida postsecondary public institution who is admitted to a university pursuant to this regulation shall be entitled to pursue a degree in accordance with the degree requirements afforded native students as outlined in the university catalog that was in effect for the academic year in which the transfer student was initially enrolled as a freshman at his or her prior postsecondary institution, provided the student has maintained continuous enrollment as defined by the receiving university.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., History-Formerly 6C-2.44, 6C-2.45, and 6C-6.04, 11-18-70, Amended 7-6-72, 12-17-74, 8-1-84, 8-11-85, 4-20-87, 1-6-88, 10-19-88, 1-23-90, 1-7-91, 9-15-91, 11-9-92, 11-27-95, Amended and Renumbered as 6.004 01-28-10, Amended 11-21-13, Amended _____.