

## **8.007 Articulation**

- (1) Each board of trustees shall adopt regulations and policies to facilitate seamless articulation consistent with Florida Statutes and Board of Governors' regulations.
- (2) Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS)
  - (a) All state universities shall enter all college credit courses into the SCNS.
  - (b) Courses in SCNS that transferred from another institution will satisfy the receiving institution's requirements on the same basis as credit awarded to native students.
  - (c) Participating SCNS institutions receiving transfer course credit must accept and apply courses first to general education requirements, then to other degree requirements, prioritizing those that will help the student satisfy the most required components of the program.
- (3) Common Prerequisites
  - (a) Common prerequisites are lower-division courses that have been approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) and are required for progression into the upper division of a particular baccalaureate program.
  - (b) Proposals for common prerequisites and acceptable alternatives, including substitute courses, seeking ACC approval shall be submitted to the Chancellor or designee.
    1. All ACC-approved common prerequisite courses, alternative courses, or substitutions shall be accepted by each university offering the degree or program.
  - (c) Program curriculum may require other lower division courses as a condition of graduation, but only courses approved by the ACC as common prerequisites can be considered for admission to the upper division of the program.
  - (d) Each state university shall provide students with the ACC-approved common prerequisites, acceptable alternatives, and all other requirements for admission to the upper division of a baccalaureate program.
  - (e) Successful completion of common prerequisites alone does not guarantee a student admission to a particular degree program at a particular state university.
- (4) Associate in Arts (AA) Degrees and Statewide Articulation
  - (a) State universities may award a student an AA degree pursuant to Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. An AA degree awarded by a state university shall be afforded the same articulation provisions as an AA degree awarded by a Florida College System (FCS) institution.

(b) A student may also be awarded an AA degree from an FCS institution through the reverse transfer of credit earned at a state university pursuant to Section 1007.23(9), Florida Statutes.

(c) Students with AA degrees from an FCS institution shall be granted admission to the upper division of a particular baccalaureate program at a state university. However, admission to a preferred university or program cannot be guaranteed, and some programs, such as those approved for specialized admission, may have additional requirements for admission.

#### (5) Specialized Associate in Arts Transfer (SAAT) Degrees

(a) SAAT degrees are specialized AA degrees that will allow for a seamless transfer into specific university degree programs that require an AA degree-seeking student to go beyond the sixty credit hours required for the general AA degree for admission to specific baccalaureate degree programs as defined in State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.094, Florida Administrative Code.

(b) State universities may enter into articulation agreements with FCS institutions to provide an articulation pathway for students enrolled in SAAT programs.

(c) State universities shall notify the Chancellor or designee in writing when executing a new SAAT articulation agreement, and when modifying or terminating an existing agreement.

(d) State universities shall annually report the student enrollment and number of graduates from SAAT degree programs to the Board of Governors' Office.

#### (6) 2+2 Targeted Pathway Articulation Agreements

(a) Each state university shall partner with at least one FCS institution to develop a 2+2 targeted pathway agreement to provide admission pathways for students into specific programs.

(b) State universities shall notify the Chancellor or designee in writing when executing a new 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreement, and when modifying or terminating an existing agreement.

(c) State universities shall annually report student enrollment and number of graduates from 2+2 targeted pathway programs to the Board of Governors' Office.

#### (7) Associate in Science Degree (AS)

(a) The AS degree is defined in State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.030, Florida Administrative Code.

- (b) State universities may partner with FCS institutions to develop AS to baccalaureate degree articulation agreements. Such agreements shall be consistent with Florida Statutes and Board of Governors' regulation and must be approved by the ACC.

(8) College Credit for Law Enforcement Training and Experience

- (a) State universities shall award credit for the prior training and experience of law enforcement personnel pursuant to the *Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Law Enforcement Training and Experience List* adopted by the Board of Governors.
- (b) The equivalency list in effect at the time of a student's evaluation shall be used for determining the credit awarded. Nothing in this regulation shall preclude a university from offering students a petition process for an additional review should additional equivalencies be added to the list.
- (c) Universities shall prioritize awarding credit that meets general education and degree requirements before applying credit to degree electives.
- (d) Transfer credit awarded by a Florida public postsecondary institution applicable to the student's degree shall be accepted. However, the credit awarded is subject to the receiving institution's limit on the amount and level of transfer credit allowed for a given degree.
- (e) Each university shall provide information on its website regarding the process for receiving credit from law enforcement training and experience.

- (9) Each state university shall maintain the electronic exchange of student transcripts between other Florida public postsecondary institutions and the Florida Department of Education using the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records (FASTER) or another system that converts educational records into a compatible format.

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