6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree
(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 Composition 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 Composition courses
           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 an additional six semester hours of coursework in which the student
       is required to demonstrate college-level English language writing skills through
       multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the
       writing requirements of this section. Students awarded college credit in one of
       these courses 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.
   (c) Completion of a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) credit hours through
       university coursework, acceleration mechanisms, and/or transfer credit.
(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.