

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. 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.

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