

6C-6.001 General Admissions.

(1) Based on minimum standards adopted by the Board of Governors, ~~through rule, the universities shall~~ university boards of trustees must establish the criteria by ~~rule~~ regulation for the admission of students.

~~(2) — In the admission of students, universities shall take into consideration the applicant's academic ability, and may also consider creativity, talent, and character. If determined to be in the best interest of the university to deny admission to an applicant because of past misconduct, the university may do so.~~

(2) — University policies and procedures concerning the admission process, including the process for admission decision notification and the appeal process for an admission decision, must be posted on the university's Web site and in the university catalogs. All university policies must be consistent with Board of Governors regulations and policies.

(3) The Board of Governors affirms its commitment to equal educational opportunity and to increasing student diversity in each of the state universities; however, admissions criteria must not include preferences in the admission process for applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or sex.

~~(4) — Applicants denied admission shall be given notice of denial within a reasonable period of time following the decision. Upon the applicant's written request, the university shall provide the reasons for the rejection in writing.~~

(4) — In the admission of students, each university must take into consideration the applicant's academic ability, and may also consider other factors such as creativity, talent, and character.

~~(5) — Each student accepted for admission shall, prior to registration, submit on a form, provided by the institution, a medical history signed by the student. Documentation of appropriate immunization for measles and rubella is required. Proof of immunization must be provided. This shall be a minimum requirement, and institutions may require in addition such other evidence of examination as they may determine necessary. Where physician examinations or certificates are required, they must be signed by a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy. The universities reserve the right to refuse registration to any student whose health record or report of medical examination indicates the existence of a condition which may be harmful to members of the university community.~~

~~(6)~~(5) — The universities Each university may return to the applicant without action any application and fees received after the ~~closing date for applications~~ application deadline designated by each institution on its official calendar.

(6) — Each university must provide denied applicants notice within a reasonable period of time (as defined by the university board of trustees). Upon

the applicant's written request, the university shall provide the written reasons for the denial.

~~(7) False or fraudulent statements—In addition to any other penalties which may be imposed an individual may be denied admission or further registration, and the universities may invalidate college credit for work done by a student at an SUS institution and invalidate a degree based upon such credit if it finds that the applicant has made false or fraudulent or incomplete statements in connection with, or supplemental to, his application for admission to, or graduation from one of the SUS institutions.—Consideration shall be given to the past actions of any person applying for admission when such actions have been found to disrupt or interfere with the orderly conduct, processes, functions, or programs of any other university, college, or community college. If determined to be in the best interest of the university to deny admission or enrollment to an applicant because of the applicant's past misconduct on or off campus, a university may do so, providing such denial is consistent with state and federal law. University boards of trustees shall establish guidelines regarding evidence required for such action.~~

~~(8) Students may be required to have immunizations and to have undergone diagnostic procedures prior to registration.~~

~~(8) Individuals whose admissions applications, residency affidavits, or supplemental documents contain false, fraudulent, or incomplete statements may be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in written university policy. Such disciplinary action may include denial of admission, suspension of registration, invalidation of college credit, invalidation of degree, dismissal from the university, or other disciplinary action. In some cases, e.g., false information on a financial aid application, such behavior may lead to legal consequences.~~

~~(9) Each university shall provide registration opportunities for admitted transfer students that allow these students access to high demand courses comparable to that provided to native students.~~

~~(9) Prior to registration, each student accepted for admission must submit on a signed medical history form, including documentation of appropriate immunization as required by each university. Some students may be required to undergo diagnostic procedures prior to registration. Exceptions may be granted pursuant to university policies. Each university reserves the right to refuse registration to any student whose health record or report of medical examination indicates the existence of a condition which may be harmful to members of the university community.~~

~~(10) Each university shall provide orientation programs for first time in-college and transfer students.~~

~~(11) Enrollment limitations—The Board shall establish a plan for the enrollment of the State University System, consistent with the Strategic Plan.~~

~~(a) The Board shall recommend each budget cycle to the Legislature an enrollment plan in which future State University System FTE enrollment shall be~~

specified by level.

——(b) The Board will establish an assigned FTE enrollment plan for each university for each fiscal period. This assigned FTE enrollment plan will be based upon the enrollment plan described in (a) and upon the funding decisions of the Legislature.

——(c) Each university shall establish, by rule, procedures and criteria to manage enrollments to meet planned enrollment, established pursuant to (b) above. These rules shall not be inconsistent with Board rules.

——(d) Programs at the University of Florida and the University of South Florida in the Health Centers receive separate appropriations from the Legislature; therefore, students enrolled in such programs will be excluded from the above enrollment limitations.

——(e) Upper level programs registered as limited access programs with the Board and the Articulation Coordinating Committee (competitive admission due to limited space or other resources, or due to higher standards) and rules limiting enrollment as provided in (c) above shall observe the following guidelines in the selection of students for the spaces available in the program:

——1. There will be a documented justification for the program to be classified as limited access. This documentation should be submitted by the university requesting limited access to the Board for review and approval at least 6 months prior to the start of limiting access to the program. Annually, each university will reevaluate the need to continue to classify the program as limited access. The university will report to the Board by October 1 of each year a list of all limited access programs, the minimum admissions standards for each program, the reasons the program is designated as limited access, and a copy of the most recent review demonstrating the need for retention of limited access status. Programs assigned limited access status will be reviewed by the Board in the course of its cyclical systemwide program review process.

——2. All criteria shall be approved by the Board and registered with the Articulation Coordinating Committee prior to implementation.

——3. Any criteria used to select students shall not discriminate against community college transfers with Associate in Arts degrees from Florida public community colleges in favor of SUS students who are applying for admission or plan to continue enrollment after the completion of 60 semester credits at the lower division level.

——4. Any criteria used to select students shall be appropriate indicators of academic ability, creativity or talent to perform required work within the program and of the potential for success.

——5. Any criteria used shall be publicized in catalogues, counseling manuals, and other appropriate publications in accordance with Rule 6A-10.024(14), FAC, with sufficient time for prospective students to adjust programs to meet criteria.

——6. Where necessary to achieve established equal access enrollment goals,

up to ten percent of the students may be admitted to a limited access program with different criteria:

——— 7. Each university shall advise students who meet the minimum requirements for admission to the upper division of a state university, but are denied admission to limited access programs, of the availability of similar programs at other State University System institutions and the admissions requirements of such programs.

——— 8. Associate in Arts degree graduates from Florida community colleges and university students who have successfully completed 60 or more credit hours of course work and met the requirements of Section 240.107, Florida Statutes, shall receive priority over out of state students for admission to limited access programs.

——— (f) The Board may declare certain degree programs as limited access programs, upon request by a university. In the case of programs for which prerequisite courses are required for admission, the prerequisites, and grades for the prerequisite courses determined acceptable by the program, by themselves, will not cause a program to be declared limited access. That is, if all the applicants completing the prerequisite courses, with any specified grade requirement, are admitted to the program, the program need not be designated a limited access program. Associate in Arts graduates from Florida public community colleges and universities who have not completed prerequisite courses for a given major shall be admitted to a university in order to complete those prerequisite courses, after which program admission can be determined. University degree programs may be declared as limited access programs for the following reasons:

——— 1. The number of students who have met all the requirements for admission to the university and to the program is in excess of available resources (examples are: space, equipment or other instructional facilities; clinical facilities; adequate faculty to meet acceptable student faculty ratios; fiscal or other resource limitations). In the case of such programs, selection for admissions shall be competitive. The selection criteria shall be determined by the program, recognizing that the standards applied to the criteria may vary from term to term depending on the number of student spaces available and the quality of the applicant pool. The selection criteria shall be published in the university catalogue along with the standards used for admissions decisions at the time the catalogue is published.

——— 2. The program is of such a nature (normally in the fine or performing arts) that applicants must demonstrate through an audition or submission of a portfolio that they already have the minimum skills necessary for them to benefit from the program.

——— 3. The program is of such a nature that in order to demonstrate potential for success in the program, applicants must attain a grade point average (GPA) and/or other standard (e.g. standardized test scores) that are above those

required for admission to the university offering the program. [Note: Teacher preparation programs are mandated by Section 240.529, F.S., to maintain certain admission requirements, and, therefore, will be classified and reported as limited access programs only if enrollment is limited for reasons (e.g. limited resources) that exceed statutory requirements. Teacher preparation programs will be monitored for compliance with requirements of Subsection 240.529(3), F.S., through a report which is separate from the limited access reports.

4. When an institution has exceeded its upper level FTE enrollment limit as assigned by the Legislature by more than five percent, programs which have not normally been designated as limited access programs may need to limit enrollment. If the institution's actual student credit hour productivity exceeds the institution's funded enrollment to this extent, the institution may take corrective actions in subsequent terms such as limiting admission of new students into upper level programs, limiting course loads of enrolled students and/or other measures as may be necessary to stay within funded enrollment levels. Florida community college Associate in Arts graduates and university students who have successfully completed 60 credit hours of course work and met the requirements of Section 240.107, Florida Statutes, shall receive priority for admission to such limited access programs over out-of-state and transfer students from private institutions.

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