

“The Gordon Rule”

Florida Administrative Rule 6A-10.030:

Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills.

(1) In addition to tests that may be adopted by the State Board to measure student achievement in college-level communication and computation skills, pursuant to Section 229.053(2)(d), Florida Statutes, other assessment procedures shall be measured by completion of coursework in English and mathematics.

(2) Prior to receipt of an Associate of Arts degree from a public community college or university or prior to entry into the upper division of a public university, a student shall complete successfully the following:

(a) Twelve (12) semester hours of English coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate writing skills. For the purposes of this rule, an English course is defined as any semester-length course within the general study area of the humanities in which the student is required to produce written work of at least six thousand (6,000) words.

(b) Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher. For the purposes of this rule, applied logic, statistics and other such computation coursework which may not be placed within a mathematics department may be used to fulfill three (3) hours of the six (6) hours required by this section. For the purposes of this rule, a grade of C or higher shall be considered successful completion.

(c) Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction pursuant to Rule 6A-10.024, FAC., and students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through one (1) or more of the acceleration mechanisms in Rule 6A-10.024, FAC., shall be considered to have satisfied the requirements in Rule 6A-10.030(2), FAC., to the extent of the college credit awarded.

(3) Exemptions and waivers.

(a) Any student who completes the first six (6) hours of the English coursework required by this rule with a grade point average of 4.0 may waive completion of the remaining six (6) hours until after entry into the upper division of a university and shall be considered eligible for an Associate of Arts degree, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 6A-10.030(2)(a), FAC.

(b) Any public community college or university desiring to exempt its students from the requirements of Rule 6A-10.030(2), FAC., shall submit an alternative plan to the State Board of Community Colleges or Board of Regents, respectively. Upon approval of the plan by the respective board, the plan shall be submitted to the State Board. Upon approval by the State Board, said plan shall be deemed effective in lieu of the requirements of Rule 6A-10.030(2), FAC.

Specific Authority 229.053(1),(2)(d) FS. Law Implemented 229.053(2)(d) FS., Section 15, Chapter 87-212, Laws of Florida. History - New 10-15-82, Formerly 6A-10.30, Amended 6-8-88.