

**Board of Governors, State University System of Florida
EXCEPTION TO THE 120 CREDIT HOURS REQUIREMENT FOR
BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS
REQUEST FORM**

In Accordance with BOG Regulation 8.014

UNIVERSITY: Florida A&M University and Florida State University

PROGRAM NAME: Biomedical Engineering

CIP CODE: 14.0501 EFFECTIVE TERM: Spring 2019
(Classification of Instructional Programs)

Please use this form to request an exception to the 120 credit hours requirement for a new or existing program.

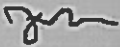
To request changes to the number of credit hours for a program that is already approved for an exception to the 120 credit hours please send a memorandum signed by the provost to the BOG Academic and Student Affairs staff.

- List all the majors associated with this program and the desired program length for each one of them. Please see the definition of program major in Regulation 8.011, New Academic Program Authorization.**

Major Name (add rows as needed)	Current number of credit hours	Requested number of credit hours
Cell and Bioprocess Engineering		131
Biomaterials and Polymers Engineering		131
Imaging and Signal Processing Engineering		131

- Provide a narrative on why a new exception to 120 credit hours is needed for the major(s) indicated above?**

Florida A&M University and Florida State University are seeking an exception to offer the proposed Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering degree at 131 credit hours to accommodate the curriculum needed for the discipline and meet accreditation requirements for engineering programs set by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET). The proposed degree existed as a major within the currently approved BS Chemical Engineering, which had been approved at 131CH, offered by the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. The new stand-alone degree is seeking to maintain consistency by offering the same number of credit hours, which are essential to obtain the necessary knowledge and skills to practice in the discipline and to also meet accreditation requirements. The program requirements are consistent with other programs within the State University System (SUS) and fall within the range of 129 - 132 credit hours. The request to exceed 120 CH was included as a part of the BS-BME proposal approved by FSU Board of Trustees on February 23, 2018 and FAMU's Board of Trustees on June 7, 2018.



Signature of Requestor/Initiator

7/23/2018

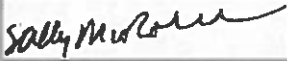
Date

Sandra D. Kinsey

Signature of Requestor/Initiator

7/20/2018

Date



Signature of President or Vice President for Academic Affairs

8/16/2018

Date

Rodner B. Wright

Signature of President or Vice President for Academic Affairs

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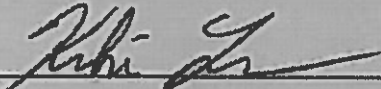
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February 23, 2018

Date Approved by the Board of Trustees

June 7, 2018


Date Approved by the Board of Trustees



Signature of the Chair of the Board of Trustees

8/9/18

Date



Signature of the Chair of the Board of Trustees

8/17/18

Date

References:

- BOG Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 credit Hours Requirement
- Policy Document: Administrative Process for Requesting Changes to Program Length for Baccalaureate Programs Approved to Exceed 120 Credit Hours