

## **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 36 semester hours of general education courses in the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, referenced in Regulation 8.005, General Education Core Course Options, including:
  1. Six 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 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 of the six 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. Students entering the State University System in the 2024-2025 academic year and thereafter shall be advised of the mathematics pathway that aligns with the mathematics skills needed for success in the corresponding academic programs aligned to their career goals. The three mathematics pathways include algebra through calculus, statistical reasoning, and mathematical thinking in context.
- (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 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.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., Sections 1007.23, 1007.25, Florida Statutes; History -- Formerly 6C-6.17, 8-9-83, 8-11-85, 9- 28-86, 10-19-88, 11-27-95, Amended and Renumbered 1-29-09, Amended 8-6-09, 12-10-09, 9-15-11, 9-18-14, 3-29-23.