

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

DATE: January 25, 2023

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 6.017, Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

SUMMARY:

Board of Governors Regulation 6.017, Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree, outlines the graduation and other requirements State University System institutions use to award a baccalaureate degree.

In 2021, the legislature amended section 1007.23, Florida Statutes, requiring a committee of public postsecondary institutions to identify three mathematics pathways and the course sequence within each pathway to align with the mathematics skills needed for success in corresponding academic programs and careers. The committee recommended three pathways that include algebra through calculus, statistical reasoning, and mathematical thinking in context. The recommendations also include a change to the general education core courses in mathematics. The Articulation Coordinating Committee approved this recommendation at its July 2022 meeting. The proposed amendment to Board Regulation 6.017 aligns with the recommendations approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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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, referenced in Regulation 8.005, General Education Core Course Options, 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. 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 ~~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.

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, ~~Amended~~ 12-10-09, ~~Amended~~ 9-15-11, ~~Amended~~ 9-18-14, XX-XX-XX