

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
August 29, 2023

SUBJECT: Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience Equivalency List

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience Equivalency List.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2022 Legislature amended section 1004.0981, Florida Statutes, providing eligible law enforcement officers to earn uniform postsecondary credit across all Florida public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level training and education acquired while serving as a law enforcement officer. The Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) was directed by the legislature to convene a workgroup to develop a process for determining postsecondary course equivalences and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for law enforcement training and experience. This process was approved by the Board at its January 2023 meeting.

As a part of the approved process, the ACC must annually approve a prioritized list of postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for law enforcement training and experience. State University System institutions are required to award credit for law enforcement experience and courses, as designated on the Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience Equivalency List.

The ACC, which has State University System representation within its membership, approved courses for which academic credit may be awarded for law enforcement training and experience on June 28, 2023. The list of courses is ready for the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to consider for approval. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the list will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If both boards approve, the Credit or Clock Hour for Law Enforcement Experience Equivalency List will be administered identically across both systems. The equivalencies will go into effect upon approval.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the list.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Credit or Clock Hour for Law
Enforcement Experience Equivalency
List

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