

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

DATE: June 18, 2025

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

SUMMARY: Board of Governors Regulation 6.017, Criteria for Awarding a Baccalaureate Degree, establishes the minimum criteria students must meet to be awarded a baccalaureate degree at a state university.

Board staff proposes a strike-all amendment to the regulation. The majority of the proposed changes are technical and are intended to enhance the overall readability and the uniform application of the regulation. Two substantive changes are incorporated into the proposed amendment. The first substantive change is the inclusion of the civic literacy competency graduation requirement to ensure it is clearly identified as a baccalaureate graduation requirement. The second substantive change to the regulation stipulates that a state university cannot impose an institution-wide graduation requirement that conflicts with the provisions of section 1007.25 (3)(c), Florida Statutes.

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: Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor of 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 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 the following.
 - ~~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.~~

(1) Statewide Graduation Requirements: All students seeking a baccalaureate degree at a State University System institution must meet the following graduation requirements through the completion of coursework at the university, transfer credit, approved acceleration mechanisms, dual enrollment, or any combination thereof:

- a. Thirty-six credit hours, including general education core as described in Board of Governors Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options, including:
 - i. Six credit hours of English composition coursework.
 - ii. Six credit hours of mathematics coursework. 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. Six additional credit hours in college-level English language writing skills, as identified by the institution, which require the student to demonstrate proficiency through multiple assignments.
- c. Completion of the Civic Literacy Competency Requirement as described in Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy Competency.
- d. A minimum of 120 total credit hours through coursework or accelerated mechanisms, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Governors.

(2) Institution-Specific Graduation Requirements:

- a. In addition to meeting the statewide minimum graduation requirements described in (1), students must meet institutional and programmatic requirements.
- b. A State University System institution shall not impose an institution-wide graduation requirement that includes a course in conflict with the provisions of Section 1007.25(3)(c), Florida Statutes.

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, XX-XX-25.