

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

DATE: March 26, 2026

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

SUMMARY: Board staff propose an amendment to Board of Governors' Regulation 6.017, Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree. The amendment would require statewide and institution-specific graduation requirements, including all courses identified to meet the requirements, to align with the requirements of section 1007.25 (3)(c), Florida Statutes. These requirements include the 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 and courses that meet the civic literacy competency requirement.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., Sections 1007.23, 1007.25, Florida Statutes; 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) Statewide Graduation Requirements: All students seeking a baccalaureate degree at a State University System institution must meet the following graduation requirements identified below 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:

1. Six credit hours of English composition coursework.
2. 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: In addition to meeting the statewide minimum graduation requirements described in (1), students must meet institutional and programmatic requirements. Any institution-wide graduation requirements must meet the requirements of Section 1007.25(3)(c), Florida Statutes. This includes any course identified as meeting the institution-wide graduation requirement. For purposes of this provision, institution-wide graduation requirements mean designated courses or curricular components that apply uniformly to all students. This definition does not include credit hour thresholds, residency requirements, GPA standards, or other graduation conditions that do not consist of a specific course or course-based requirement.

~~(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, 09-11-25, XX-XX-XX.