

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

January 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Request for Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences, CIP 30.0101, Florida Atlantic University

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of limited access status for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences, CIP 30.0101, Florida Atlantic University.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is requesting limited access status for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences, CIP 30.0101. Board of Governors Regulation 8.013 provides that baccalaureate degree programs may be approved as limited access for the following reasons.

- The number of qualified applicants exceeds the program's resources and capacity.
- Special skills or talent is required to be successful in the program.
- Higher academic achievement is necessary to be successful in the program.

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences program at FAU was added to the State University System Academic Degree Program Inventory in 2020. The program is part of the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College that offers a stronger STEM focused alternative for honors students with concentrations in Biology, Biological Chemistry, Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Neuroscience, and Physics. All students admitted to the Wilkes Honors College through this program must complete a senior honors thesis and an internship or study abroad experience prior to graduation. FAU is requesting limited access for the program because there is a limited number of faculty to serve as mentors and limited space in advanced research labs.

The FAU Board of Trustees approved limited access status for the program on September 25, 2020. If approved by the Board of Governors, FAU will implement limited access status for the program in spring 2021.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this request will be forwarded to the Full Board for consideration.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials