

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

July 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Limited Access Status Request for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and Digital Media, University of North Florida, CIP Code 50.0409

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of limited access status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and Digital Media, University of North Florida, CIP Code 50.0409.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of North Florida (UNF) is requesting limited access status for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design and Digital Media, CIP 50.0409. Board of Governors Regulation 8.013 provides that baccalaureate degree programs may be approved as limited access for one or more of the following reasons:

- the number of qualified applicants exceed the program's resources and capacity,
- special skills or talent is required to be successful in the program, and
- higher academic achievement is necessary to be successful in the program.

The current limited access request is based on three factors. First, the program has a limited number of computer labs available, and the cost to purchase additional technology is prohibitive in a lab setting. Second, because of the fine arts nature of the program, it is necessary for students to demonstrate a baseline skillset ensuring that they will benefit from instruction in this area. Third, the program has set a minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 because based on 15-year trend data, generally students with GPA's below 2.75 have higher DWF and major change rates.

Students applying for admission to the program will submit a portfolio of eight works and answer additional questions regarding their interests, subject matter knowledge, and skillsets. All of the criteria will be made available on the university website and can be sent to the students via email, as well as picked up in print format from the department office. All of the admissions material will be submitted through a self-enrolled course on Canvas. None of the admissions criteria for this program are based on UNF-specific course content, which will ensure equal access for Florida College System Associate in Arts transfer students.

The UNF Board of Trustees approved limited access for the program on January 16, 2020. If approved by the Board of Governors, UNF will implement limited access status for the program effective fall 2020.

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