

## **6.020 College Credit for Online Courses Completed Prior to Initial Enrollment**

(1) If requested by an applicant prior to the student's initial term of enrollment in undergraduate education, universities shall evaluate the student's online coursework, and award credit for each course that meets the following conditions: university faculty have determined the online course content and learning outcomes to be comparable to a course offered at the institution; online courses meet the quality and accreditation standards intended for a transfer course; and the subject area faculty have determined that the online course is relevant to the student's intended program of study.

(2) By fall 2015, each university board of trustees shall adopt a policy that enables admitted students to earn appropriate credit for online coursework completed prior to the initial term of enrollment. The policy shall include:

- a) A description of student responsibilities for initiating a review of prior learning through online courses and documentation requirements for the purpose of determining equivalency of required outcomes within the student's intended program of study.
- b) For courses whose credits are not transferred pursuant to §1007.24(7) F.S, a description of the review procedures of prior learning through online coursework that is within the same parameters and quality assurance protocols, including but not limited to faculty credential evaluation, outcome equivalency and student demonstrated mastery of competency,
- c) A description of credit that may be granted to students for coursework that is recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE).
- d) A description of the student appeals process.

(3) The procedure for the alignment of online coursework completed prior to the initial term of enrollment is to determine whether the online course fulfills a general education or major course or degree program requirement and, if deemed equivalent, apply the credit as such.

(4) Credit awarded for online coursework completed prior to the initial term of enrollment shall be noted on the student's transcript. A receiving Florida public postsecondary institution may accept in transfer any college credit that was previously evaluated and awarded by a Florida public postsecondary institution in accordance with this regulation, and that is appropriate to the student's program of study.

(5) Each university shall display the policy on its website and within its catalog.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., New 6-18-2015.