

Florida Board of Governors

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Florida passed Amendment 11 to Article IX, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution, thereby creating the Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the State University System of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors' responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs; and

WHEREAS, the administrative rules of the State Board of Education address articulation policies and guidelines pursuant to Section 1007.01, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors recognizes the need to coordinate the adoption of rules and policies that have an impact on multiple educational sectors with the State Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors hereby adopts the following State Board of Education rules with the noted technical changes:

- 6A-10.019, Required Annual Calendar for Schools and Colleges;
- 6A-10.024, Articulation Between and Among State Universities, Community Colleges, and School Districts;
- 6A-10.02412, Foreign Language Competence and Equivalence;
- 6A-10.0242, Procedures for Determining the Level At Which Courses Shall Be Classified;
- 6A.10.030, Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills;
- 6A-10.033, Postsecondary Credit Definitions;

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social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences with the remaining twenty-four (24) semester hours consisting of appropriate common program prerequisite courses and electives.

- (b) Achievement of a grade point average of at least 2.0 in all courses attempted, and in all courses taken at the institution awarding the degree, provided that only the final grade received in courses repeated by the student shall be used in computing the average. The grade of "D" shall transfer and count toward the associate and baccalaureate degrees in the same way as "D" grades obtained by native students in the receiving state university or receiving community college. Whether courses with "D" grades in the major satisfy requirements in the major field may be decided by the receiving university or receiving community college. The 60 hours that comprise a completed Associate in Arts degree shall be accepted in total upon transfer to an upper division program at another public postsecondary institution.
- (c) Completion of the requirements for English and mathematics courses adopted by the State Board of Education in Rule 6A-10.030, FAC., and the Board of Governors; and
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2. Completion of common prerequisites will be required for the baccalaureate degree or as otherwise outlined in program-specific statewide agreements.
 3. Courses taken as part of the associate in science degree to meet the general education requirements will transfer and apply toward the 36 credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree. No additional general education credit hours can be required except to complete the total 36 general education hours.
- (c) Capstone Degree Articulation Agreement. A capstone agreement that is entered into by a specific public or private postsecondary institution provides for the acceptance of a specific associate in science degree from any Florida community college and applies it as a block of credit toward a specified baccalaureate degree. The quality and content of the associate in science degree is respected as the technical component of the baccalaureate degree and the remainder of the program is designed to complete general education requirements and provide management skills to assist in job progression. Every associate in science degree graduate of a Florida community college program that articulates with a capstone degree program in a specific Florida public or private postsecondary institution shall be guaranteed admission to that program except for limited access programs and those requiring specific grades on particular courses for admission. All associate in science degree graduates who articulate under the capstone agreement shall be treated equally, regardless of the community colleges from which they receive their degrees. The general education component of the associate in science degree shall be accepted in total as a portion of the general education requirement upon transfer to the capstone program in a specific Florida public or private postsecondary institution.
- (d) Career Ladder Degree Articulation Agreement. The Career Ladder agreement integrates specific associate in science degree programs with identified baccalaureate degree programs statewide. Each associate in science degree program must meet specific requirements as prescribed in the agreement and public postsecondary institutions are required to honor the transfer of credit toward the specified baccalaureate degree. Graduates of a Florida community college associate in science degree program with an agreement that is documented and maintained by the Articulation Coordinating Committee shall be granted admission to a public postsecondary institution in the program designated to articulate with their degree, except for limited access programs and those requiring specific grades on particular courses for admission. Admission to the student's preferred public postsecondary institution is not guaranteed. Each State University System institution shall develop admissions criteria to ensure that associate in science degree students are evaluated on an equal basis with associate in arts degree graduates and native university students for admission into Career Ladder programs designated as limited access and those requiring specific grades on particular courses for admission.

(d) The information related to the guaranteed transfer of credit between an

2. For examinations taken after July 2001, transfer of credit is mandatory for all CLEP examinations. For all CLEP examinations, credit must be awarded at a minimum in accordance with the credit-by-examination equivalencies determined by the Articulation Coordinating Committee.
 3. For examinations taken prior to July 1, 2001, transfer of credit under the terms of this rule is mandatory provided that the award of credit is consistent with the CLEP recommendations or scaled scores determined to represent student achievement at or above the fiftieth (50) percentile on the combined men-women sophomore norms in use prior to 1978, with no letter grade or grade points assigned.
- (c) College Board Advanced Placement Program (AP). For all AP examinations, credit must be awarded at a minimum in accordance with the credit-by-examination equivalencies determined by the Articulation Coordinating Committee. Transfer of Advanced Placement credit under terms of this rule is also mandatory, provided that the award of credit is consistent with the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommended minimum scores and maximum amount of credit guaranteed to transfer.
 - (d) International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. For all IB examinations, credit must be awarded at a minimum in accordance with the credit-by-examination equivalencies determined by the Articulation Coordinating Committee. Transfer of International Baccalaureate credit under terms of this rule is also mandatory, provided that the award of credit is consistent with the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommended minimum scores and maximum amount of credit guaranteed to transfer. The award of credit for students who completed IB Diploma program examinations before April 1993 shall be determined by the public postsecondary institution.
 - (e) Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE). Transfer of Advanced International Certificate of Education credit under terms of this rule is mandatory, provided that the award of credit is consistent with the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommended minimum scores and the statutory maximum amount of 30 credits.
 - (f) Excelsior College Examinations, formerly known as the Regents College Examinations or the Proficiency Examination Program (PEP). Transfer of credit under terms of this rule is mandatory provided that the award of credit is consistent with the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommended minimum scores and maximum amount of credit guaranteed to transfer with no letter grades or grade points assigned.
 - (g) Defense Activity of Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs). Transfer of credit under terms of this rule is mandatory provided that the award of credit is consistent with the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommended minimum scores and maximum amount of credit guaranteed to transfer with no letter grades or grade points assigned.
 - (h) United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). The award of credits for students who successfully completed USAFI courses or exams before 1974 shall be determined by the public postsecondary institution.

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the basis of scores on the foreign language subject matter examinations in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) pursuant to paragraph 6A-10.024(6)(b), F.A.C., shall count toward the eight (8) to ten (10) semester credits. The examination, minimum scores for awarding credit, and minimum credit to be awarded are:

	Minimum	Minimum
French		
Level 1	50	3
Level 2	62	6
German		
Level 1	50	3
Level 2	63	6
Spanish		
Level 1	50	3
Level 2	66	6

- (3) An alternate method for students to demonstrate equivalent foreign language competence is by means of a minimum score of four hundred forty-three (443) on the Latin examination published under the title of MAPS by The College Board, which represents the 1985 national mean of college bound seniors minus one (1) standard deviation. For students to demonstrate equivalent foreign language by examination in foreign languages not listed herein, the examinations and standards may be determined by the institution.

6A-10.0242 Procedures for Determining the Level at Which Courses Shall be Classified.

- (1) Baccalaureate upper-lower divisions. The following procedure shall be followed to distinguish lower division (freshman or sophomore) course from upper division (junior or senior) courses. University and community college curriculum committees shall deliberate course proposals. Institutional procedures for study, review, and decision making shall be followed. The procedures shall include deciding the level at which the courses shall be classified.
- (a) Criteria to identify baccalaureate lower division shall include:
1. General education courses required to earn an associate of arts degree and for which there is consensus that the courses should be offered within the first two (2) years of baccalaureate programs.
 2. Introductory courses open to all students.
 3. First course in a sequence and in which nonmajors may enroll.
 4. General survey courses open to all students.
 5. Courses designated to meet requirements of Rule 6A-10.030, FAC.
 6. Courses designated to teach the skills identified in Rule 6A-10.031, FAC.
 7. Physical education activity courses,

8. Courses offered in the first two (2) years of a required four-year sequence program major and the first year of a required three-year sequence program major.
 - (b) While not exhaustive, the criteria establish intent, which further guides decision making. The institution's recommendation regarding upper and lower division classification shall be indicated in the submission of the course for entry in the statewide course numbering system. Should any institution object to the level designated, it may appeal to the Articulation Coordinating Committee after first attempting resolution with the statewide course numbering system.
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6A-10.030 Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills.

- (1) In addition to assessments that may be adopted by the State Board of Education or Board of Governors to measure student achievement in college-level communication and computation skills, other assessment requirements shall be met by successful completion of coursework in English and mathematics. For the purposes of this rule, a grade of C or higher shall be considered successful completion.
- (2) Prior to receipt of an Associate of Arts degree from a public community college or university or prior to entry into the upper division of a public university or college, a student shall complete successfully the following:
 - (a) Six (6) semester hours of English coursework and six (6) semester hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section. These course designations shall be submitted to the Statewide Course Numbering System. An institution to which a student transfers shall accept courses so designated by the sending institution as meeting the writing requirements outlined in this section.
 - (b) Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher. For the purposes of this rule, applied logic, statistics and other such computation coursework which may not be placed within a mathematics department may be used to fulfill three (3) hours of the six (6) hours required by this section.
 - (c) Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction pursuant to Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., and students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through one (1) or more of the acceleration mechanisms in Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., shall be considered to

have satisfied the requirements in subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C., to the extent of the college credit awarded.

- (3) Exemptions and Waivers. Any public community college or university desiring to exempt its students from the requirements of subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C., shall submit an alternative plan to the Department of Education. Upon approval of the plan by the Department, in conjunction with the Board of Governors Office, the plan shall be submitted to the State Board of Education or the Board of Governors, as appropriate. Upon approval by the State Board of Education or the Board of Governors, said plan shall be deemed effective in lieu of the requirements of subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C.
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One (1) college preparatory credit is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction, with credit for such things as laboratory instruction and individualized study determined by the institution based on the proportion of direct instruction to the laboratory exercise or individualized program. College preparatory courses provide competency-based instruction to develop college entry competencies in the communication and computation skills described herein.

- a. College preparatory reading competencies are distinguished from college-level reading competencies based on the criteria in Rule 6A-10.0315(1), FAC. College preparatory reading instruction includes the recognition of main ideas, supporting details, meaning of words in context, author's purpose;

basic and secondary, community education, and community instructional services. The unit of measure is hours of instruction.

6A-10.0331 Deletion of Courses from Catalogs and Statewide Course Numbering System.

- (1) Each university and each community college shall adopt, as part of the procedure for the preparation of its institutional catalog, a rule to ensure that courses which have not been taught for five (5) years, or less if desired, are deleted from the catalog. Each institution shall also notify the Office of the Statewide Course Numbering System to delete these courses.
 - (2) Courses not taught in the preceding five (5) years or less in keeping with institutional requirements that an institution wishes to continue shall be reviewed in the same manner that the institution reviews courses which are proposed for addition to the catalog and statewide course numbering system. A course may be continued in the catalog if the institution plans to offer it during the next five (5) years.
 - (3) The president of each university and the president of each community college shall annually certify to the board of trustees for that university or college that the institution has complied with Section 1007.24, Florida Statutes.
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6A-10.038 Postsecondary Feedback of Student Information to High Schools.

- (1) From data provided by the state universities, community colleges, and state-supported career centers, the Department of Education shall maintain information on the performance of Florida's public high school graduates on the entry-level placement tests, pursuant to Rules 6A-10.0315 and 6A-10.040, F.A.C.
- (2) By October 31 each year, the Department of Education shall provide the Commissioner of Education a report of the performance of Florida's public high school graduates on the entry-level placement tests, pursuant to Rules 6A-10.0315 and 6A-10.040, F.A.C.

- (h) Report year (academic year student was enrolled in postsecondary education and the first academic year after graduation from high school),
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(6) Pursuant to Section 1008.37, Florida Statutes, each school

- (a) a mechanism to identify persons eligible for reasonable substitutions due to vision impairment, hearing impairment, dyslexia or other specific learning disability,
 - (b) a mechanism for identifying reasonable substitutions for criteria for admission to the institution, admission to a program of study, entry to upper division, or graduation related to each disability,
 - (c) a mechanism for making the designated substitutions known to affected persons,
 - (d) a mechanism for making substitution decisions on an individual basis, and
 - (e) a mechanism for a student to appeal denial of a substitution or a determination of eligibility.
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(c) Maintenance Fee. The unit cost of maintaining courses in the system,