

**SFLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

DATE: December 17, 2009

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 6.004 Transfer Students – Undergraduate

SUMMARY:

Regulation 6.004 was approved for public notice of amendment at the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Board of Governors. Concerns raised by the Florida College System involve substantive changes, thereby necessitating re-noticing for amendment.

Adjustments to the regulation include a description of the components of an Associate in Arts (AA) degree within paragraph two (2) concerning requirements for AA degree graduates from Florida College System institutions and State University System universities. These components align with the AA requirements already specified in the Statewide Articulation Agreement.

In addition, previously deleted paragraph (5)(d) of the current regulation about graduation requirements in effect for Florida College System students has been reinstated and revised. The proposed amendment provides that a transfer student from a Florida postsecondary public institution who is admitted to a university shall be entitled to pursue a degree in accordance with the degree requirements afforded native students with regard to the catalog year in effect when the student initially enrolled.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO AMEND REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION: Mr. Richard Stevens, Director, Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT 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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6.004 Admission of Undergraduate, Degree-Seeking Transfer Students

(1) ~~All Undergraduate Transfer Students.~~ This regulation outlines minimum eligibility requirements for transfer students seeking admission to an undergraduate degree program in the State University System (SUS). Individual institutions may choose to establish more stringent admission requirements for students not admitted under paragraph three (3) of this regulation within the parameters outlined in Board of Governors (BOG) regulations.

(2) **All Undergraduate Transfer Students.**

- (a) For the purposes of this regulation, undergraduate transfer students are defined as students who have earned twelve (12) or more semester hours of transferable college credit since receiving a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (b) Eligibility for admission to the SUS does not guarantee admission to the specific institution or degree program to which admission is sought.
- (c) Each university board of trustees shall develop regulations governing the admission of undergraduate transfer students that comport with the requirements outlined in BOG regulations. Such regulations may allow for exceptions to be made on an individual basis when a student, in the judgment of an appropriate university committee, can reasonably be expected to perform satisfactory academic work in the institution and program to which admission is sought.
- (d) Each university shall require undergraduate transfer applicants to submit a complete official academic transcript from each postsecondary institution attended, as well as a complete official academic transcript of all secondary work, when applicable. Each transcript shall list all courses for which the student was enrolled each term, the status in each course at the end of the term, all grades and

(f) Any undergraduate transfer student with a disability shall be eligible for reasonable substitution or modification of any requirement for admission pursuant to BOG Regulation 6.018.

(g) In addition to meeting university requirements, undergraduate transfer applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be in good standing and eligible to return to the last postsecondary institution attended as a degree-seeking student, and
2. Have a grade point average of at least 2.00 on a 4.00 system on all college-level academic courses attempted.

(3) Associate in Arts (AA) Degree Graduates from Florida College System

provided the student has maintained -continuous enrollment as defined by the

~~accepted for transfer by a university provided the courses are applicable to a degree program offered at that institution.~~

~~(d) Credit earned in an external degree program shall not be accepted for transfer to a university unless such credit was earned through a collegiate institution accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association.~~

~~(e) College credits earned by high school or college students on the basis of the College Entrance~~

- ~~(a) In addition to the general requirements described in subsection (1) above, undergraduate transfer students who have not earned the AA degree from an approved Florida public institution and who seek admission to the lower division of a university should satisfy the same admission requirements as beginning freshmen; provided, however, that with approval of the Chancellor and of the Executive Director of the Community College System exceptions may be granted.~~
- ~~(b) In determining eligibility for admissions of undergraduate transfer students who have not earned the AA degree from an approved Florida public institution, a university will provide for reasonable substitution for any requirement or high school unit distribution requirement for any student with a disability as prescribed in Regulation BOC 6.018.~~
- ~~(c) Except for special purpose programs approved by the Board, transfer applicants for admission to the upper division of a university shall have completed the following:
 - ~~1. At least 60 semester hours of transfer credit in college level academic courses, exclusive of occupational courses; and~~
 - ~~2. The prerequisite courses listed by the upper division program to which admission is sought.~~~~
- ~~(d) Any upper level student admitted who has not completed two years of one foreign language in high school or the equivalent of two years of such high school foreign language in the undergraduate institution attended except those exempted in Regulation BOC 6.004(1) (c), above, shall, prior to graduation from a state university, successfully complete 8 to 10 semester hours of postsecondary level instruction in one foreign language or American Sign Language. An alternate method for students to demonstrate equivalent foreign language competence is by means of credit awarded on the basis of scores on the foreign language subject matter examinations in the College Le~~

~~major field. The university awarding the bachelor's degree shall determine the courses in the major taken prior to transfer.~~

~~(c) Any student admitted without two years of one foreign language or American Sign Language in high school or the equivalent of such instruction at the postsecondary level, except those exempted in Regulation BOC 6.004(1)(c), above, must satisfy the admissions requirement, as prescribed in Paragraph (1)(c), above, prior to graduation.~~

~~(d) The graduation requirements in effect at the receiving university at the time a student enrolls at a Florida community college shall apply to that student in the same manner that the graduation requirements of the SUS university apply to its native students, provided the student has had continuous enrollment as defined in the SUS institution's catalog.~~

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., History-Formerly 6C-2.44, 6C-2.45, and 6C-6.04, 11-18-70, Amended 7-6-72, 12-17-74, 8-1-84, 8-11-85, 4-20-87, 1-6-88, 10-19-88, 1-23-90, 1-7-91, 9-15-91, 11-9-92, 11-27-95, Amended _____.