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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

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TO:

Deans and Faculty

FROM:

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT:

Undergraduate Courses & Graduate Degree Coursework Requirements

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principle 3.6.1 states: "The institution's post-baccalaureate professional degree programs, master's and doctoral degree programs, are progressively more advanced in academic content than its undergraduate programs. (Post-baccalaureate program rigor)".

In accordance with the Florida Statewide Numbering system, coursework at Florida Atlantic University is designated as follows:

Undergraduate courses are designated at the 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 levels; Graduate courses are designated at the 5000, 6000, and 7000 levels.

As such, all coursework required to complete a post-baccalaureate program of study must be at the 5000 or higher level. To be compliant with the SACSCOC fifth year interim report, we recommend program curriculum be updated no later than **July 1, 2018** to meet these standards, if necessary.

Furthermore, Title IV financial aid can only be awarded for classes that count toward the approved degree requirements.

Thanks for your cooperation.