

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

Date: March 3, 2023

**REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER:** Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations (2.001)

**SUMMARY:** The University seeks to amend FAU Regulation 2.001, Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations. The purpose of this amendment is to reflect compliance with Board of Governors' (BOG) Regulation 6.005, Admission of Associate in Arts High School Students and BOG Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions. The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

1. Changes limited access programs to specialized admissions programs in section 4.
2. Adds that high school students participating in dual enrollment and other acceleration programs who are on track to earn an associate in arts (AA) degree that do not meet the requirements of BOG Regulation 6.004 may be considered for admission to FAU as either an FTIC freshman or potential AA transfer student.

**FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDED REGULATION:** The full text of the proposed amended regulation is attached below to this Notice. The full text of the existing regulation is posted on FAU's website at [www.fau.edu/regulations](http://www.fau.edu/regulations). In addition, the full text of the proposed amended regulation and current regulation are available upon request to the Office of the General Counsel, which can be contacted at (561) 297-3007 or [GeneralCounsel@fau.edu](mailto:GeneralCounsel@fau.edu).

**AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE REGULATION:** Article IX of the Florida Constitution and the Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure dated July 21, 2005.

**UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE REGULATION AMENDMENT:** David L. Kian, General Counsel and Vice President for Legal Affairs.

**COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.** In response, the University may solicit additional written comments, schedule a public hearing, withdraw or modify the proposed regulation amendment in whole or in part after notice, or proceed with adopting the regulation amendment. The comments must identify the regulation(s) on which you are commenting.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE REGULATION AMENDMENT IS:** Mrs. Cassandra Rey, Office of the General Counsel, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431, (561) 297-3007 (phone), (561) 297-2787 (fax), [GeneralCounsel@fau.edu](mailto:GeneralCounsel@fau.edu).

# Florida Atlantic University

## **Regulation 2.001    Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations**

- (1) Undergraduate Admissions. Florida Atlantic University undergraduate admission requirements are codified in Florida Statutes, Florida Board of Governors' (BOG) Regulations and FAU regulations and policies.
- a. The University shall establish standard first-time-in-college (FTIC) undergraduate admission criteria in accordance with state law and BOG Regulations, which shall be published annually in the University Catalog.
  - b. To the extent provided by state law and BOG Regulations, FTIC applicants who are not eligible for standard admission may be considered for alternative admission in which a variety of additional factors are considered.
    - i. These additional factors include, but are not limited to:
      1. Family educational background;
      2. Socioeconomic status;
      3. Status as a graduate of a low-performing high school;
      4. Status as a graduate of an international baccalaureate program;
      5. Geographical location; and/or
      6. Special talents.
    - ii. These additional factors shall not include preferences in the admission process for applicants on the basis of race, national origin, or sex.
    - iii. Applicants may be admitted pursuant to an assessment of the factors stated above if, in the judgement of an appropriate University committee, there is sufficient evidence that the applicant can be expected to succeed at the University.
    - iv. The number of FTIC students admitted through alternative admission shall be determined by the University Provost and reported to the Board of Trustees on an annual basis.
- (2) Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Professional Student Admissions.
- a. Graduate program applicants must meet University requirements as follows:
    - i. An earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or from an institution accredited by an equivalent accrediting body or comparable degree from an international institution.
    - ii. A minimum grade point average (GPA) as determined by the graduate faculty of the program or their designees for either all work attempted as an undergraduate student working toward a baccalaureate degree or all work attempted while registered as an upper division undergraduate student working toward a baccalaureate degree.
    - iii. Scores on a nationally standardized graduate admissions test, such

as the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) or an equivalent, that is acceptable for the program to which the student is applying.

- iv. Alternatively, a graduate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or from an institution accredited by an equivalent accrediting body may substitute for (a)(i) and (ii) for admission to a Doctoral program and for (a)(i), (ii), and (iii) for admission to a Masters program.
  - b. Admission shall be based on a review of credentials by the graduate faculty of the program or their designee in which multiple criteria are used to judge the appropriateness of the applicant to pursue graduate study.
  - c. Each program admissions committee may impose more restrictive admission requirements than those stated above. University and program-specific admissions requirements shall be published in the University Catalog.
  - d. To accommodate special circumstances, the University may waive these requirements for individual students. Such waivers should not be granted routinely.
  - e. The University may develop criteria for admission to specific degree programs which differ from items (a) (i)-(iii) above.
  - f. Students who wish to enroll in courses, but not degree programs, at the post-baccalaureate level, may enroll under the classification of post-baccalaureate non-degree students. Admissions committees wishing to admit post-baccalaureate non-degree students to graduate degree programs after the students have satisfactorily completed a specified number of credits may do so under conditions specified by the graduate program.
  - g. Applicants denied admission shall be given notice of denial within a reasonable period of time following the decision.
- (3) Consistent with state law and BOG Regulations, consideration shall be given to the past actions of any person applying for admission when such actions have been found to disrupt or interfere with the orderly conduct, processes, functions, or programs of any other university, college or community college. If determined to be in the best interest of the University to deny admission or enrollment to an applicant because of the applicant's past misconduct on or off campus, the University may do so consistent with state and federal law.
- a. Criteria and guidelines for evaluation of past misconduct or criminal history shall be published in the University Catalog.
  - b. Prospective students with qualifying past misconduct or criminal history, as defined in the University Catalog, will be reviewed by the University's

Admissions Review Board (ARB), and must submit a full statement of relevant facts and provide any information requested by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the Dean of Students, the Registrar, or the Graduate College, including but not limited to student conduct records, police reports, and court records.

- c. Prospective students whose applications are denied by the Admissions Review Board may request review of the denial by the Office of the University Provost. The request for review must be submitted to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate applicants, the Office of the Registrar for non-degree or transient applications, or the Graduate College for graduate applicants within two weeks of the date of the notice of denial. The submission must include the basis for the additional review and any additional documentation for consideration by the Office of the Provost. The decision of the Provost or designee shall be final.
  - d. Consideration of any qualifying past misconduct or criminal history shall also be required for all continuing education and/or certificate programs that have a duration of more than five (5) weeks and require physical attendance on any campus of the University, or that lead to licensure or professional certification.
- (4) Enrollment Limitations. Chapter 6 of the BOG Regulations describes the establishment of enrollment plans for state universities. Consistent with the applicable regulation(s), the University shall manage the resulting enrollment plans to meet planned enrollment. Procedures for meeting planned enrollment involve all aspects of enrollment management.

- a. Priorities for admission are established as follows:
  - i. First-time-in-college (freshmen) students and transfers from Florida public colleges and state universities who have earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree.
  - ii. Transfers from Florida public colleges and state universities who have earned an Associate of Science (AS) degree in a field specifically covered by either a statewide or university articulation agreement.
  - iii. Transfers from Florida public colleges and state universities who have successfully completed at least 60 credit hours, including 36 hours of general education.
  - iv. Other transfers. Transfers with fewer than 60 hours must meet freshmen admissions requirements as referenced above.
- b. Priorities for registration are as follows:
  - i. Current, degree-seeking students.
  - ii. Former returning, degree-seeking students in good standing.
  - iii. New degree-seeking students.
  - iv. Non-degree students on a space available basis and all others.
- c. The University may designate programs registered and approved by the BOG as ~~limited specialized access admissions~~ programs.

- d. High school students participating in dual enrollment and other acceleration programs who are on track to earn an associate in arts (AA) degree from a Florida College System or State University System institution and who do not meet the requirements of BOG Regulation 6.004, may be considered for admission as either an FTIC freshman or a potential AA transfer student pursuant to BOG Regulation 6.005.

*Specific Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; 1001.706, F.S. Law Implemented 1006.735, F.S. Formerly 6C5-2.01 and 6C5-2.001. History—New 10-1-75, Amended 5-24-76, 8-23-79, 11-1-82, 11-8-06, 6-11-13, 6-4-19, 1-16-2023. -23.*