FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY POLICY

Award of Associate in Arts Degree #340.060

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:	LAST REVISION DATE:	RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
June 29, 1994	February 11, 2026	Office of the Provost

POLICY STATEMENT

Upon request by the student, the University will award an associate in arts degree to an undergraduate degree seeking student (FTIC or transfer with 40 or fewer credits) who has met all the degree requirements. This includes verification by the Division of Academic and Student Affairs. The procedures for applying for an associate in arts degree must be published on the University web site.

SCOPE

This policy applies to undergraduate degree-seeking students as well as administrators who verify degrees.

REASON FOR POLICY

To state the minimum University requirements for awarding and procedures for receiving an associate in arts degree. Florida Administrative Code, 6A-10.024, 6A-10.02412, 6A-10.02413.

DEFINITIONS

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Certification	Administrative verification and certification by the Office of Academic Support Initiatives & Services of degree requirements occurs through the creation of the Degree Audit.
Credit Hour and Residency Requirements	Successful completion of at least 60 credit hours with the required grade point average. At least the last 20 credit hours must be completed at the University. Exceptions may be approved by Office of Academic Support Initiatives & Services. Students who transfer in more than 40 credits from another institution are not eligible to receive the associate in arts degree from FIU.
University Curriculum Requirements	Completion of the University Core Curriculum.

Grade Point Average Requirements	A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher for courses taken at the University and otherwise be in good academic standing.
State University System (SUS) Requirements	Completion of the civic literacy requirement (2018 and later). Completion of the foreign language requirement, FLENT/FLEX (2015 and later).
Other University Requirements	The associate in arts degree will not be awarded the same semester a student is receiving the bachelor's degree or after a bachelor's degree has been earned. There must be no incomplete grades for the AA to be awarded. At the time of degree award, student cannot be on suspension or expulsion, have any outstanding sanctions, or have any pending/open case(s) under review by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) or the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI).

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

When a student has completed the requirements for an associate in arts degree and wishes to have it recorded on the student's grade transcript, the student must obtain an application for associate in arts degree from https://aadegree.fiu.edu and submit it to Office of Academic Support Initiatives & Services (OASIS). OASIS will review the application. If all requirements have been met OASIS will notify the Registrar's Office. The Registrar's Office will then post to the student's grade transcript that the student has been awarded an associate in arts degree.

No diploma is given for the associate in arts degree and there is no commencement ceremony for the award of the associate in arts degree. If the requirements for the degree have not been met, the application procedure must be repeated after successful completion of all requirements.

RELATED RESOURCES

- https://aadegree.fiu.edu
- Florida Statute 1007.25 - General education courses; common prerequisites; other degree requirements (13)
- Florida Administrative Code, 6A-10.024, 6A-10.02412, 6A-10.02413

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