FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY POLICY

Award of Initial Baccalaureate Degree # 340.065

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:	LAST REVISION DATE:	RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT
June 29, 1994	February 12, 2026	Academic Affairs

POLICY STATEMENT

The University will confer the initial baccalaureate degree when all degree requirements have been met, including completion of at least 25% of degree credits at the University. This includes verification by the faculty of the College or School and certification by the Dean or designee of the academic unit. The procedures for applying for a baccalaureate must be published in the University catalog and web site.

SCOPE

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

REASON FOR POLICY

To state the minimum University requirements for awarding an initial baccalaureate degree.

DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITIONS
Certification	Faculty verification in the College or School and certification by the Dean of the academic unit of degree requirements occurs through the creation of the Degree Audit. This serves as evidence of degree certification by the academic unit.
Credit Hour and Residency Requirements	Successful completion of at least 120 semester hours of credit with the required grade point average; of which at least 25% of the credits and the last 30 semester hours must be completed at the University Students wishing to participate in the International Student Exchange program, FIU approved Study Abroad programs offered by other higher education institutions and the National Student Exchange program, are exempted from the last 30 credits of their undergraduate careers at FIU. Exceptions to the

	last 30 credits in residence at FIU may be made by the appropriate Dean. In no case may the student graduate with fewer than 25% of the total number of credits required for the degree program from FIU.
General Education and Global Learning Requirements	Completion of the University Core Curriculum or State General Education Requirements. Completion of two Global Learning (GL) courses as designated in the University Catalog.
Grade Point Average Requirements	A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher for courses completed at the University, as well as achievement of any higher grade point averages Schools or Colleges may establish for major, core courses and/or course sequences. Refer to appropriate department's regulations for this information. Students must be in good academic standing with the University.
State University System (SUS) Requirements	Completion of University Core Curriculum or General Education requirements in Communication and Mathematics as prescribed by the State Board of Education (Gordon Rule), Civic Literacy requirements, and completion of the Foreign Language Requirement.
Date of Graduation	The semester of graduation will be the semester in which the student applies and/or completes all the graduation requirements regardless of when the original application for graduation was filed. The official degree confer date is listed in the University academic calendar.
Other University Requirements	There must be no incomplete grades for the degree 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).

RELATED RESOURCES

Authority/Source:
Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

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