



Award of Second Baccalaureate Degree # 340.075

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POLICY STATEMENT

The University will confer the second baccalaureate degree when all degree requirements have been met. 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 second baccalaureate must be published on the University web site.

This policy relates to instances where a unique area of study is completed and includes the award of a second degree after the initial degree is awarded.

SCOPE

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

REASON FOR POLICY

To state the minimum University requirements for awarding a second baccalaureate degree.

DEFINITIONS	
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Certification	Verification by the faculty of the College or School and certification by the Dean of the academic unit that all the requirements of the second degree being sought have been completed.
Credit Hour and Residency Requirements	Successful completion of at least 30 semester hours of credit at Florida International University in addition to the requisite academic credit for the first baccalaureate degree. If both degrees are awarded by FIU, then a minimum of 150 credits is required. Successful completion of any additional semester hours of credit, beyond the 30 mentioned above, which may be required for the



	major program of the degree being sought. This includes the achievement of any grade point average higher than the university grade point average, if required by the major program.
Grade Point Average Requirement	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.
Date of Graduation	The semester of graduation will be the semester in which the student applies and 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 Compliance and Accessibility (CRCA) or the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI).

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The student seeking a second baccalaureate degree must obtain the permission of the department or division offering the major program for which the second degree is being sought.

RELATED RESOURCES

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

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