Dual Enrollment, as an accelerated educational mechanism, allows eligible home education and public and non-public school students to enroll in post-secondary courses creditable toward a high school diploma and/or an associate or baccalaureate degree. Florida International University’s (FIU) Dual Enrollment program must comply with Florida Statutes and the Principles of Accreditation of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the criteria articulated in its Dual Enrollment and Substantive Change for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions Policy Statements.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students seeking dual enrollment credits as well as faculty, staff, and administrators involved in the process of supporting Dual Enrollment programs at FIU.

REASON FOR POLICY

This policy sets forth the Dual Enrollment requirements that need to be observed to be in compliance with Florida Statutes and SACSCOC. In addition, the policy will provide guidance on the administrative and academic processes to support Dual Enrollment programs at FIU.

DEFINITIONS

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| Dual Enrollment  | Per Florida Statutes Section 1007.271, a Dual Enrollment program is the enrollment of an eligible secondary student or home education student in a postsecondary course creditable toward high school completion and a career certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree. This Section allows eligible students in sixth through 12 grades to enroll in Dual Enrollment courses taught by the post-secondary institution. For SACSCOC purposes, “Dual Enrollment” refers to courses taught to middle and high school students for which the students
receive both high school credit and college credit, regardless of location or mode of delivery. As defined, Dual Enrollment would include such coursework offered at the high school, on the institution’s campus, or via distance education. This also includes programs and courses that may be offered under different names such as “early college,” “dual credit,” or “concurrent enrollment.” The academic rigor of such coursework must match the quality of other institutional coursework, regardless of location or mode of delivery.

RELATED RESOURCES

AUTHORITY/SOURCE
SACSCOC Substantive Change for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions Policy Statement, Revised: SACSCOC Board of Trustees, December 2018 (http://www.sacscoc.org/)
Section 1007.271, “Dual Enrollment Programs,” The 2023 Florida Statutes (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/)

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