



*University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)*

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
GRADUATE NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS	June 2012	380.0450

**POLICY STATEMENT (R\*)**

Non-degree-seeking students are those who enroll at FIU without admission to a degree program. Students admitted to graduate certificate programs are considered to be non-degree seeking students. Enrollment as a non-degree-seeking student, or completion of graduate coursework that is required by a graduate degree program, does not imply a right to future admission as a regular degree-seeking student to any program leading to a graduate degree.

Non-degree seeking students who are not admitted to a graduate certificate program may not enroll in more than 12 graduate credit hours at FIU. Students admitted to a graduate certificate program may take all of the courses required for that graduate certificate (15 or 18 credits). However, no more than 12 graduate level credit hours earned by a student while classified as non-degree seeking, including students enrolled in a graduate certificate program, may be counted toward a graduate degree. Credits taken as a non-degree seeking student are subject to the graduate transfer credit policy.

Non-degree seeking students who have been granted affiliated status by the department can take more than 12 credits with departmental approval, but may not transfer more than 12 credit hours toward the completion of a graduate degree.

**HISTORY (R\*)**

Originally 2.4.2 TRANSFER OF GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS EARNED AT FIU BY NON-DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 3.2.3 GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (effective 6/10/03); and 4.1 GRADUATE STUDENT STATUS from *Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual*.

<p><b>RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R*)</b></p>	<p>The University Policies and Procedures Library is updated regularly. In order to ensure a printed copy of this document is current, please access it online at <a href="http://www.policies.fiu.edu">www.policies.fiu.edu</a>.</p> <p>For any questions or comments, the “Document Details” view for this policy online provides complete contact information.</p>
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**\*R = Required \*O = Optional**