



*University Community (faculty, staff and students)*

<b>SUBJECT (R*)</b> SPOUSES AND RELATIVES AS STUDENTS	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)</b> January 4, 2016	<b>POLICY NUMBER (O*)</b> 320.093
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**POLICY STATEMENT (R\*)**

To avoid any potential conflict of interest, faculty are encouraged to avoid instances where their students are family members by directing those students to equivalent courses taught by colleagues. Faculty are to inform their Chairperson/Dean when conflict exists. In those cases where coursework is not available from any other professor, faculty are encouraged to follow the following guidelines in order to ensure objectivity in teaching and grading:

Another faculty member should be responsible for grading class written products when possible; class assignments should be consistent for all students in the class; student tests should be graded by another member of the faculty when possible; faculty member should not be the student advisor nor a member nor chair of the program of studies, thesis or dissertation committee.

**REASON FOR POLICY (O\*)**

To avoid conflicts regarding students who are related to the teacher or a faculty member in the same department.

**RELATED INFORMATION (O\*)**

**Authority/Source:**  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

**HISTORY (R\*)**

Former Academic Affairs Policy 2.65.

<p><b>RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R*)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Division of Academic Affairs Florida International University</p> <p><b>RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT (R*)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office of the Provost 11200 S.W. Eighth Street, PC 526 Miami, Florida 33199 Telephone Number: (305) 348-2151</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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