



**Authorization of Online and/or Hybrid Degree Programs #310.001**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

The university has established policies about the authorization of new degree programs and curriculum approval which adequately require review and oversight by faculty. Once approved, the university administration makes determinations regarding funding and resources appropriated to the units to implement degrees.

The academic dean, in collaboration with the chairperson/faculty director, and informed by a majority vote of approval by faculty where the degree resides, will determine an academic unit's readiness to launch hybrid or online programs based on available resources. No further approval through college or university curriculum committees or councils shall be required if the curricular offerings have not changed from the traditional degree program.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to the University Community including faculty, administrators, and staff when launching hybrid and online degrees.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

To provide the University the flexibility to respond to market changes and student demands related to program delivery.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The academic dean, in collaboration with the chairperson/faculty director, and informed by a majority vote of approval by faculty where the degree resides, will determine an academic unit's readiness to launch hybrid or online programs based on available resources.

The Provost or designee approves the creation of any new academic subplan.



#### RELATED RESOURCES

##### **AUTHORITY/SOURCE**

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Distance Learning Policy

FIU Policy # 380.102 Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes – (Contains definitions of Hybrid and Online degree programs)

#### CONTACTS

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