



University Community (faculty, staff and students)

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
Discipline-Specific (Specialized) Accreditation	July 11, 2017	300.012

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

Florida International University seeks and takes action to maintain national or discipline-specific accreditation for its colleges, schools, and academic programs for which there are established standards for programmatic accreditation.

REASON FOR POLICY (O*)

Discipline-specific accreditation is required for academic programs in which graduation from an accredited program is a prerequisite to achieving licensure or certification for professional practice.

RELATED INFORMATION (O*)

AUTHORITY/SOURCE

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 3.006
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

DEFINITIONS (R*)

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The Commission’s mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region and it strives to improve the effectiveness of institutions by ensuring that institutions meet standards established by the higher education community that address the needs of society and students.

PROCEDURES (O*)

- (1) The President delegates responsibility for maintenance of discipline-specific accreditation to the Provost.
- (2) The Provost delegates this responsibility to the academic deans, including informing the Provost of any change in accreditation status, warnings, probation, or withdrawal of accreditation.
- (3) The FIU Office of the Provost must provide immediate notification to the Office of the Board of Governors when an accredited academic program is placed on warning or probation, or when the accreditation status is revoked by a discipline-specific accrediting body. The notification must include a report of any adverse accreditation findings provided by the discipline-specific accrediting body that outlines the basis for the change in accreditation status.

RESPONSIBILITIES (O*)

FIU shall submit annually the State University System Accreditation Survey to the Office of the Board of Governors.

HISTORY (R*)

Former Academic Affairs Policy 1.52

RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R*)

Division of Academic Affairs
Florida International University

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RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT (R*)

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FORMS/ONLINE PROCESSES (O*)

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***R = Required *O = Optional**