



**Relations with other Educational Institutions and Agencies #380.101**

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Academic Affairs and the Colleges and Schools and their units accept responsibility for voluntary and mutual planning and/or coordination with the educational and non-educational, governmental and non-governmental institutions and agencies related to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the University. The outreach may involve international entities with varying scopes and purposes.

The basis for such relations may rest in the interests of higher education in general, or in inter-institutional or inter-agency agreements as specified in Florida Statutes. Such relations are conditioned upon the legal capacity of the University. These agreements must follow the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) "Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement" for the initiation of consortium or contractual arrangements. Depending on the type of change stipulated in an international agreement, SACSCOC Policy Statement on Substantive Change would set forth the procedure required for compliance.

The policies and decisions of Academic Affairs, the Colleges and Schools and each of its units are guided by the spirit and letter of the "Statewide Articulation Agreement" between the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors which the State Board of Education shall adopt by rule. State of Florida, by Statute, summarizes the academic and credit relationships of the member institutions of the State University System and the Florida College System.

Contracts for educational services and programs must be consistent with the purpose, policies and procedures of the University. The University is responsible for the qualifications of the faculty and for the quality of all courses offered under contract.

**SCOPE**

This policy applies to all academic units.



**REASON FOR POLICY**

To state the administrative and programmatic policy of Academic Affairs regarding voluntary cooperation and statutory coordination with other domestic and international educational institutions and governmental agencies.

**DEFINITIONS**

<b>TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITIONS</b>
Dual Degree	An agreement by two or more institutions to grant dual academic awards is one whereby students study at two or more institutions and each institution grants a separate academic award bearing only its name, seal, and signature(SACSCOC policy).
Joint Degree	An agreement by two or more institutions to grant a joint academic award is one whereby students study at two or more institutions and the institutions grant a single academic award bearing the names, seals, and signatures of each of the participating institutions (SACSCOC policy). Per this definition, Florida International University does not award joint degrees.
Dual Enrollment	The dual enrollment program is the enrollment of an eligible secondary school student or home education student in a postsecondary course creditable toward high school completion and a career certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree. A student who is enrolled in postsecondary instruction that is not creditable toward a high school diploma may not be classified as a dual enrollment student (Florida Statute 1007.271-Dual enrollment programs).

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Office of Academic Planning and Accountability reviews agreements for compliance with university and Board of Governors regulations and SACSCOC principles and policies prior to signature by the Provost or designee.

An offer by any unit of Academic Affairs to plan or conduct academic programs or activities with any educational institution or non-educational agency outside the University must have the prior authorization of the appropriate Dean, the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. International engagements with the possibility to lead to memoranda of understanding and/or agreements involve FIU Global led by Vice President, Regional and World Locations.



**RELATED RESOURCES**

**AUTHORITY/SOURCE:**

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Accreditation Principles 10.8 and 10.9  
SACSCOC Policy on Agreements Involving Joint and Dual Academic Awards Policy and Procedures): <https://sacscoc.org/pdf/JointDualAwards.pdf> SACSCOC Policy on Dual Enrollment: <https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/Dual-Enrollment.pdf> Board of Governors Regulation 6.004, 6.009, 8.009 <https://www.flbog.edu/regulations/active-regulations/>  
The 2019 Florida Statutes, 1007.01, 1007.22, 1007.23, 1007.235, 1007.24, 1007.25, 1007.271 6A-10.024 Articulation Between and Among Universities, Florida Colleges, and School Districts. (effective 6/25/2019) <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?id=6A-10.024>

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