POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

The Division of 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 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 “Principles of Accreditation” for the initiation of consortium or contractual arrangements.

The policies and decisions of the Division 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.

REASON FOR POLICY (O*)

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

RELATED INFORMATION (O*)

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: http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp
SACSCOC Policy on Dual Enrollment: http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp
Board of Governors Regulation 6.004, 6.009, 8.009
The 2018 Florida Statutes, 1007.01, 1007.22, 1007.23, 1007.235, 1007.24, 1007.25, 1007.271
https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?id=6A-10.024
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

DEFINITIONS (R*)

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)

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) 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)

**PROCEDURES (O*)**
An offer by any unit of the Division 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 and the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**RESPONSIBILITIES (O*)**
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.

**HISTORY (R*)**

University Policy and Procedure 230  
Former Academic Affairs Policy, 1.51.  
Initial Effective Date: March 19, 2019

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**FORMS/ONLINE PROCESSES (O*)**

Links to the above referenced Form(s) available in the "Document Details" Section of the online version of this policy document.

*R = Required  *O = Optional