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

This policy applies to all academic programs who seek initial or continuing discipline-specific accreditation.

Florida International University follows best practices and considers the award of discipline-specific accreditation as the highest recognition of its academic programs. 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. In other fields, discipline-specific accreditation recognizes that a program meets the quality improvement standards compared to non-accredited programs at other institutions.

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The President delegates responsibility for maintenance of discipline-specific accreditation to the Provost.
The Provost delegates this responsibility to the academic deans with the requirement that an academic dean inform the Provost of any change in accreditation status including, but not limited to, warnings, probation, or withdrawal of accreditation.

The Provost is responsible for immediately notifying the Board of Trustees Chair 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. After consultation with the BOT chair, the Provost must then notify the Board of Governors.

Academic Planning and Accountability (APA) shall maintain records of discipline-specific accreditation. As such, APA will prepare all communications required by this policy for the Provost to notify the BOT Chair, and subsequently the BOG, of accreditation agency actions. Additionally, APA shall submit annually the State University System Accreditation Survey to the Board of Governors.

RELATED RESOURCES

Authority/Source
Florida Board of Governors Regulation 3.006

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