



Institutional Accreditation # 300.013

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POLICY STATEMENT

Florida International University maintains compliance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) policy, *Principles of Accreditation*.

SCOPE

This policy applies to Florida International University as an entity in that maintaining institutional accreditation is required for the university to function as an institution of higher education in the State of Florida.

REASON FOR POLICY

SACSCOC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an agency whose accreditation enables its member institutions to seek eligibility to participate in Title IV programs. To maintain its recognition with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), SACSCOC has incorporated USDOE requirements into its policies and procedures.

DEFINITIONS

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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges	A recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions. The Commission’s mission is to assure the educational quality and improve the effectiveness of its member institutions.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The President delegates responsibility for maintenance of SACSCOC Accreditation to the institution’s SACSCOC Liaison.

The SACSCOC Liaison’s responsibilities shall include those outlined by the SACSCOC Guideline “The Accreditation Liaison.”

The University President shall immediately inform the Board of Trustees Chair and the Board of Governors Chancellor upon verbal or written notification of any visit scheduled or any action taken by SACSCOC related to the institution’s compliance certification or interim report.



(a) FIU shall provide a copy of the certification letter for accreditation reaffirmation to the Board of Trustees Chair and the Board of Governors Chancellor immediately upon receipt from SACSCOC.

(b) FIU shall provide the Office of the Board of Governors, upon request, with a copy of any institution response to SACSCOC.

Academic Planning and Accountability shall maintain records of accreditation and shall submit annually the State University System Accreditation Survey to the Office of the Board of Governors.

RELATED RESOURCES

AUTHORITY/SOURCE

Florida Board of Governors Regulation 3.006
SACSCOC Guideline "The Accreditation Liaison"

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