

**THE FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: FPU2.005 Admission of International Students

SUMMARY OF THE REGULATION: This regulation provides information related to the admission of international students. This regulation is being revised to clarify the English proficiency requirements for international students applying to the University and to provide a process for the applicant to change program preference.

TEXT OF REGULATION: The full text of the Proposed Regulation can be viewed below and on the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees website, at <http://floridapoly.edu/board-of-trustees/university-policies-and-regulations/>.

If you would like a copy of the Proposed Regulation, please contact Melaine Schmiz, Assistant General Counsel at (863) 874-8489.

AUTHORITY: Board of Governors Regulations 6.009

NAME OF PERSON INITIATING PROPOSED REGULATION: Terry Parker, Provost

ANY PERSON SEEKING TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REGULATION MUST SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED BELOW. ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CONTACT PERSON WITHIN 14 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

THE CONTACT PERSON REGARDING THIS REGULATION IS: Melaine Schmiz,

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS PROVIDED BELOW:

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FPU-2.005 Admission of International Students.

(1) Minimum Eligibility Requirements. The minimum eligibility requirements for international students seeking admission to Florida Polytechnic University are as provided in the Florida Board of Governors regulation 6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions. In addition, international applicants who satisfy the Board of Governors' minimum requirements must also meet the regular admission requirements as set forth by the University.

(2) Laws and Regulations. International students are obligated to follow the laws and regulations set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the United States Department of State.

(3) Academic Eligibility. An international applicant must be academically eligible for admission to the program at the level of admission requested by the applicant. Review for other programs in which the applicant may be eligible must follow a formal request from the applicant to change program preference. A formal request from the applicant to change program preference must be received prior to reviewing the applicant for other programs in which the applicant may be eligible. An international applicant must demonstrate the required level of academic preparation as evidenced by official copies of any academic records needed to ascertain the comparability of the level and quality of the student's previous education and achievement to that required for other students. Academic documents must be translated into English and evaluated by reputable credential evaluator.

(4) Proficiency in English. Students whose first language is not English may be required to demonstrate English proficiency by one of the following means:

- (a) A qualifying Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 on the paper based test, 173 on the computer-based test, or 61 on the iBT Internet-based test;
- (b) A score of at least 6 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam;
- (c) A score of 77 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)
- (d) Completion of the associates or higher degree at a regionally accredited American college or university, or any government recognized college or university where English is the primary language of instruction subject to the approval of the AVP for Admissions and Financial Aid or his/her designee.
- (e) Proving they are from a country where English is the only official language.
- (f) Establishing that a prior bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree was earned from a country or university where English is the only official language of instruction.

- (g) A 510 Critical Reading SAT score or 20 ACT (English section).
- (h) Presenting a minimum grade of “B” in both English Composition I and English Composition II, or the equivalent, taken at a regionally accredited, not-for-profit postsecondary institution in the United States.
- (i) Completion of four years of English in an accredited high school in the United States, where English is the primary language of instruction.
- (j) A documented English proficiency assessment and interview exam by qualified, full-time Florida Poly faculty and a full-time admissions representative.

(5) Certificate of Eligibility. In order for an official at Florida Polytechnic University to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or a DS 2019) to an international applicant, the student must provide documentation showing sufficient resources to cover tuition, fees, room and board, health insurance, and other living expenses while enrolled at the university.

(6) Medical Documentation. Prior to registration, each international applicant accepted for admissions must submit a health history form and appropriate medical documentation including, but not limited to, immunizations as required by FPU 2.001.

(7) Medical Insurance Coverage. No international student in F or J non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register, or to continue enrollment without complying with the minimum requirements set forth in Florida Board of Governors regulation 6.009.

Authority: FBOG regulations 1.001, 6.009

History: New 1.2.14; Revised _____