NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT

Date: May 7, 2009

REGULATION TITLE: Admission of International Students
REGULATION NO.: UCF-2.009

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: This regulation is amended to change the word “foreign” to “international.” Additionally, the requirements for showing proficiency in English are listed, and other admission requirements are mentioned. Amendments also include technical changes, specifically renaming and renumbering of the regulation.

AUTHORITY: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003

NAME OF PERSON WHO INITIATED PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT:
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COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation you are commenting on.

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FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT:

6C7-UCF-2.009 Foreign-Admission of International Students.
Admission of foreign international students to UCF is governed by the university admission regulations rules (Rules 6C7-2.001, 6C7-2.003 and 6C7-2.004, F.A.C., as applicable), Florida Board of Governors Rule-Regulation 6C-6.009, F.A.C., and the following:

(1) Eligible foreign international students may be accepted at the appropriate level subject to space and fiscal limitations. International applicants can only be admitted in a status that is appropriate for the visa category designated on the application.

(2) In addition to University admission requirements, international students must meet the following requirements as a minimum:

(a) The applicant shall be academically eligible for further study in his own country.

(b) The applicant whose native language is other than English shall show proficiency in written and spoken English in accordance with the requirements of University Regulation 2.003, by whose native language is other than English shall meet Board of Governors requirements for English as expressed in subsection 6C-6.009(4), F.A.C. Effective Fall Term 1981, a student who scores below 550 on the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and otherwise meets admission standards must satisfactorily complete a “English as a Second Language” program and then achieve a score of 550 on TOEFL or a UCF designated examination.

1. proving they are from a country where English is the only official language; or

2. establishing that a prior bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree was earned from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States; or

3. establishing that a prior bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree was earned from a country where English is the only official language, or a university at which English is the only official language of instruction; or
4. submitting a qualifying score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Qualifying scores for graduate applicants are: a TOEFL computer-based score of 220; a TOEFL internet-based score of 80 (or equivalent score on the paper-based test); or an IELTS score of 6.5. Specific programs may establish higher scores for qualification, and such information will be included in the Graduate Catalog and program website information for that specific program. Qualifying scores for undergraduate applicants are: a TOEFL computer-based score of 213, a TOEFL internet-based score of 80, or a TOEFL paper-based score of 550.

(c) Students who are non-native speakers of English (and do not have a degree from a U.S. institution) must pass the SPEAK exam administered by the UCF Center for Multilingual Multicultural Studies before they will be permitted to teach as a Graduate Teaching Associate or Graduate Teaching Assistant.

(ed) The graduate applicant shall have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale or equivalent.

(ed) The applicant shall furnish a detailed statement showing specific sources of a satisfactory level of financial support and the amount expected from each source.

(fe) The applicant shall submit a health examination form to the University physician indicating his fitness, mentally and physically to pursue a college level study program. In addition, all international students on an F or a J visa must submit proof of health insurance that complies with the requirements of BOG Regulation 6.009.

(gf) Foreign International student applications, undergraduate and graduate, along with all other records required for admission must be received at least three months prior to the
beginning of the desired term by the program or university international application deadline, whichever is earliest, or the deadline must be waived by the university.