

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT

Date: May 25, 2023

**REGULATION TITLE:**

Admission of International Students

**REGULATION NO.:**

UCF-2.009

**SUMMARY OF REGULATION AMENDMENT:**

This regulation is being amended to better align with the July 1, 2020, updates to the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) rules that make no distinction between regional and national accreditors, treating all USDOE-recognized accrediting agencies as “institutional” accreditors. Accordingly, the international student admission requirement that any prior degree be from an accredited institution, section (2)(b) is amended to accept any institutional accreditor recognized by the USDOE instead of listing particular accreditors.

**AUTHORITY:** BOG Regulations 1.001 and 6.009

**NAME OF PERSONS 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.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT IS:**

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**FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT:**

**UCF-2.009 Admission of International Students.**

Admission of international students to UCF is governed by the university admission regulations, Florida Board of Governors Regulation 6.009 and the following:

- (1) Eligible 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/her own country.
- (b) An applicant whose native language is other than English shall show proficiency in written and spoken English by:
  - 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 United States institution of higher education accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education; one of the following accrediting bodies or its equivalent from a foreign institution:
    - ~~a. Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)~~
    - ~~b. New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)~~
    - ~~c. Higher Learning Commission (HLC)~~
    - ~~d. Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)~~
    - ~~e. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)~~
    - ~~f. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)~~
    - ~~g. WASC Senior College and University Commission;~~ 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 220, a TOEFL internet-based score of 80, a TOEFL paper-based score of 550, or an IELTS score of 6.5; or
  - 5. completion of the English Language Institute's (ELI) level 8 or higher with a grade of a "B" or better; or
  - 6. completion of EAP 2851 with a grade of a "C" or better or placement into ENC 1101; or
  - 7. an onsite assessment by UCF ELI faculty qualified to administer English proficiency assessment and determining that the student is English proficient at the university level.
- (c) Students who are non-native speakers of English (and do not have a degree from a U.S. institution) must pass the Versant English Speaking exam administered by the UCF English Language Institute before they will be permitted to teach as a Graduate Teaching Associate or Graduate Teaching Assistant.
- (d) The graduate applicant shall have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale or equivalent.

- (e) The applicant shall furnish a detailed statement showing specific sources of a satisfactory level of financial support and the amount expected from each source.
- (f) 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.
- (g) International student applications, undergraduate and graduate, along with all other records required for admission must be received by the program or university international application deadline, whichever is earliest, or the deadline must be waived by the university.

*Authority: BOG Regulations 1.001 and 6.009. History—New 10-8-75, Amended 7-14-80, Formerly 6C7-2.09, Amended 3-16-03, Formerly 6C7-2.009, Amended 6-11-09, 12-19-16, 3-21-19, 4-23-20, \_\_\_\_\_-23.*