I. PURPOSE & INTENT

In order to provide greater flexibility and opportunity for students to shorten the time required to obtain a baccalaureate degree, the University of South Florida (USF) grants credit-by-examination equivalencies for the following acceleration mechanisms: Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE) (British AS-Level and A-Level), International Baccalaureate (IB), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), DSST Examination, Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exams (CAPE), General Certificate of Education (GCE), German Abitur, Global Assessment Certificate (GAC) and Excelsior College Examinations (UExcel) exams.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The University of South Florida awards credit-by-examination based on the minimum guidelines as established by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) available on the floridashines.org website, pursuant to Florida Statute 1007.27(2), and approved by the State Board of Education and Board of Governors.

Effective fall 2009, a maximum of 45 credit hours in any combination of the examinations provided by the Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE) (British AS-Level and A-Level), International Baccalaureate (IB), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), DSST Examination, Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exams (CAPE), General Certificate of Education (GCE), German Abitur,
Global Assessment Certificate (GAC) and Excelsior College Examinations (UExcel) exams will be accepted by USF. Course equivalencies for credit-by-exam are posted on the Undergraduate Studies website. Students who enter USF with more than 45 credit hours of examinations completed will work with an appropriate academic advisor to determine the most advantageous selection of the credits to be applied. Any requests for an exception to the 45-hour rule must be submitted to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies within 30 days of first attendance.

The University of South Florida will accept credit-by-examination included on transcripts from all accredited colleges, provided the scores earned are at or above the minimums as stated by the ACC.

*Current Responsible Office: Academic Affairs*

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.*

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