A student is academically eligible to receive a Baccalaureate degree from the University of South Florida (USF) when they complete the requirements of entities including (1) the Board of Governors (BOG), (2) USF, (3) the Program and/or College, and (4) general academic approval by the University. The requirements are outlined in more detail below.

(1) Board of Governors Basic Requirements: (established by Florida state law and the Board of Governors Regulations 6.002, 6.017, 8.005 and 8.006.)

(a) Satisfactory completion of general education requirements consisting of a minimum of:

1. Thirty-six (36) semester hours in the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, including:

   a. Six (6) semester hours of English coursework (formerly known as Gordon Rule Communication) in which the student is required to demonstrate college level writing skills through multiple assignments and six (6) additional semester hours of coursework with similar writing requirements. Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.

   b. Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework (formerly known as Gordon Rule Computation) at the level of college algebra or higher. Applied logic, statistics and other computation-based coursework that may not be offered by a mathematics department may be used to fulfill three (3) of the six (6) hours required by this section. Students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this
requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.

c. Beginning with the Fall 2015 term, students entering the University as a first-time-in-college student must complete at least one (1) course from each of the general education core subject areas listed below in this section. These courses comprise the general education core as required per section 1007.25(3), Florida Statutes.

1. One of the following courses in Communication: ENC X101 English Composition I; or A course with an ENC prefix for which ENC X101 is a direct prerequisite.

2. One of the following courses in Humanities: ARH X000 Art Appreciation; or HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities; or LIT X000 Introduction to Literature; or MUL X010 Introduction to Music Literature/Music Appreciation; or PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy; or THE X000 Theatre Appreciation.

3. MAC X105 College Algebra; or MAC X311 Calculus I; or MGF X106 Liberal Arts Mathematics I; or MGF X107 Liberal Arts Mathematics II; or STA X023 Statistical Methods; or a mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in mathematics is a direct prerequisite.

4. One of the following courses in Natural Sciences: AST X002 Descriptive Astronomy; or BSC X005 General Biology; or BSC X010 General Biology I; or BSC X085 Anatomy and Physiology I; or CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies; or CHM X045 General Chemistry I; or ESC X000 Introduction to Earth Science; or EVR X001 Introduction to Environmental Science; or PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics; or PHY X048 General Physics with Calculus; or PHY X053 General Physics I; or a natural science course for which one of the above general education core course options in natural science is a direct prerequisite.

5. One of the following courses in Social Sciences: AMH X020 American History II; or ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology; or ECO X013 Macroeconomics; or POS X041 American Government; or PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology; or SYG X000 Principles of Sociology.

NOTE: Students who transfer into a state university or between state universities shall be required to meet the above general education core requirements if the students were classified as first-time-in-college at their original postsecondary institution as of the Fall 2015 term and thereafter. Any course accepted by an institution in the Florida College System or State University System as meeting the general education core at that institution shall be accepted as meeting the core requirements at all institutions. All credit earned by other transfer students shall be evaluated by the receiving institution on a course-by-course basis to determine core equivalency. Credit earned through an acceleration mechanism in Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes and Board of Governors Regulation 6.006, will meet
the related general education core course requirement.

(b) Civic Literacy. Beginning with students initially entering a state university in the 2018-2019 school year and thereafter, each baccalaureate degree-seeking student must demonstrate competency in civic literacy as outlined in Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation 8.006. Options for approved mechanisms for meeting this requirement are provided by the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

(c) Foreign Language Admissions Requirement. Satisfaction of the foreign-language admissions requirement by having two (2) sequential units of the same foreign language in high school, or eight (8) credit hours of the same foreign language in college, or documented equivalent proficiency.

(d) Updates or changes to State and BOG Requirements. USF must comply with any updates or changes to state mandates or BOG requirements. USF will incorporate those changes in this Regulation by technical amendment as quickly as possible. However, at all times, including what may be an interim processing time, students will be held to the most current standards established by the BOG or state law.

(2) USF Requirements. In addition to Florida Board of Governors and/or state requirements, USF has the following USF specific minimum requirements that are designed to assure the academic integrity of the degree programs:

(a) Successful completion of a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester credit hours through university coursework, acceleration mechanisms, and/or transfer credit, including courses specifically approved as repeatable for credit (e.g. practica, ensembles and field experiences);

(b) A minimum adjusted grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on all coursework taken at USF and an overall 2.0 GPA on all college-level work attempted;

(c) Satisfactory completion of major requirements in a chosen degree program, including additional requirements set by the college offering the degree, as published in the current Undergraduate Catalog;

(d) Successful completion of at least forty-two (42) semester credit hours in courses numbered 3000 and above;

(e) Successful completion of at least 25% of the total credit hours required for the degree program must be in courses offered by USF;

(f) Registration and successful completion of at least thirty (30) of the last sixty (60) semester hours must be completed at USF. CLEP credit does not count toward academic residence. Colleges may have specific academic residency requirements for specified degrees and students are responsible for reviewing the current Undergraduate Catalog to ensure compliance;

(g) Students who have entered a university in the Florida State University System (SUS) with fewer than sixty (60) hours of credit are required to earn at least nine (9) credit hours prior to graduation by attendance in one or more summer terms in courses offered by USF or any one of the SUS institutions. This requirement may be waived in cases of unusual hardship to the individual;

(h) Bachelor of Arts Foreign Language Exit: All students pursuing a B.A. degree must meet the foreign language exit requirement which for most students will require completing two semesters of the same foreign language. Sign Language is an acceptable foreign language for some majors as stipulated in
program requirements found in the undergraduate catalog. Students who already have knowledge of a foreign language may “place out” of the requirement. The following statements summarize the methods for completing FLEX.

1. Two semesters of the same foreign language (e.g., SPN 1120 and SPN 1121) with no less than a “D” in the first semester and no less than a “C” in the second semester. “S” or “P” grades may not be substituted. Sign Language is an acceptable foreign language for some majors as stipulated in program requirements found in the undergraduate catalog.

2. Completion of the second semester or higher of a foreign language with no less than a “C.” (This applies if the first semester was not taken because of placement).

3. Successfully passing the USF language placement test by placing into the third course or higher. [http://languages.usf.edu/foreign/](http://languages.usf.edu/foreign/)

4. Subject CLEP credit for two semesters.

5. AP Credit for two semesters.

6. For students with a Native language other than English, they can meet the FLEX requirement if:
   a. There is official documentation of the student’s TOFEL/ITELS scores as an indication of proficiency in another language.
   b. Student earns passing grades (C- or better) in ENC 1101 and 1102 (or equivalents) demonstrating English language proficiency.

(i) Program and/or College Requirements: All students must be aware of and satisfactorily complete any additional requirements that may be required by a specific program and/or college from which they are earning a degree as set forth in the current Undergraduate catalog.

(j) General Academic Approval: Successful completion of academic coursework constituting the student’s program of study, minor, honors thesis, or certification examination does not guarantee award of the baccalaureate degree. Faculty judgment of the academic performance of the student is inherent in the educational process in determining whether the award of the baccalaureate degree or admission into a higher-level degree program is warranted.

Authority: Art. IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulations 1.001, 6.016, 6.017; 1007.25, F.S.

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