

## **6Hx19-3.28 COLLEGE-LEVEL ACADEMIC SKILLS (CLAS) REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of this Board Rule is to establish Board policy regarding College-Level Academic Skills (CLAS) requirements.

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 1007.25 and Florida Administrative Code 6A10-0311, the Associate in Arts (AA) degree can be awarded only to those students who have completed the following coursework:

1. A combination of at least one (1) course with an ENC prefix and any other course, exclusive of those with the SPC prefix, that is designated by the College as a Gordon Rule course and
2. Not less than six (6) semester hours of course work in mathematics (in two courses) as identified in Florida Administrative Code 6A-10.0311.

A grade of “C” or higher must be earned in each of the required communications and mathematics courses.

Additionally, Associate in Arts degree students must meet College-Level Academic Skills (CLAS) requirements or be granted a CLAS waiver in order to be a recipient of this degree.

### **CLAS REQUIREMENTS:**

Students declared into the AA degree may meet the CLAS requirements via submission of scores on any one of the following standardized tests:

Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT-1)  
American College Testing (ACT) Program  
Accuplacer

In addition, grades in certain college courses may be used to meet the CLAS requirement, provided that the student meets the grade-point average (GPA) requirements for those courses and obtains a grade of “C” or higher in each course.

Finally, students with Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), or Excelsior credit may be exempt provided they have taken all of the appropriate tests or that they meet certain grade-point average (GPA) requirements in combination with any of the above standardized tests.

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**CLAS - WAIVERS**

A committee will be established by the President to evaluate requests for exemptions from the requirements of this rule. Procedures followed by this committee and the President shall be in accordance with Section 1007.25(11) (d), Florida Statutes and 6A10-0311, Florida Administrative Code.

Waivers may also be granted by this committee for students other than those with specific learning disabilities or for students for whom English is a second language.

A waiver of CLAS requirements granted by PHCC is transferable to other institutions.

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Legal Authority:

General Authority: Florida Statutes: 1001.64; 1001.65; 1007.25

Other References: Florida Administrative Code 6A10-0311

Law Implemented: Florida Statutes: 1001.64(1)(2)(4)(8)(43)(44);  
1001.65(1)(16)(20)(25); 1007.25

Proposer: Katherine M. Johnson., President

■ Non-Substantive Change – President's Cabinet Approval Only

\*Emergency Action

+Retroactive Approval