

## THE FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### **FPU-2.005 Admission of International Students.**

(1) **Minimum Eligibility Requirements.** The minimum eligibility requirements for international students seeking admission to Florida Polytechnic University are as provided in the Florida Board of Governors regulation 6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions. In addition, international applicants who satisfy the Board of Governors' minimum requirements must also meet the regular admission requirements as set forth by the University.

(2) **Laws and Regulations.** International students are obligated to follow the laws and regulations set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the United States Department of State.

(3) **Academic Eligibility.** An international applicant must be academically eligible for admission to the program at the level of admission requested by the applicant. An international applicant must demonstrate the required level of academic preparation as evidenced by official copies of any academic records needed to ascertain the comparability of the level and quality of the student's previous education and achievement to that required for other students. Academic documents must be translated into English and evaluated by reputable credential evaluator.

(4) **Proficiency in English.** An international applicant's proficiency must be adequate. International students whose first language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency. Eligible international students must show evidence of English proficiency through:

- (a) A qualifying Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 on the paper based test, 173 on the computer-based test, or 61 on the iBT Internet-based test;
- (b) A score of at least 6 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam;
- (c) A score of 77 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB); or
- (d) Completion of the AA or higher degree at an American college or university, or any college or university where English is the primary language of instruction.

(5) **Certificate of Eligibility.** In order for an official at Florida Polytechnic University to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or a DS 2019) to an international applicant, the student must provide documentation showing sufficient resources to cover tuition, fees, room and board, health insurance, and other living expenses while enrolled at the university.

(6) **Medical Documentation.** Prior to registration, each international applicant accepted for admissions must submit a health history form and appropriate medical documentation including, but not limited to, immunizations as required by FPU 2.001.

**(7) Medical Insurance Coverage.** No international student in F or J non-immigrant status shall be permitted to register, or to continue enrollment without complying with the minimum requirements set forth in Florida Board of Governors regulation 6.009.

*Authority: FBOG regulations 1.001, 6.009*

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