

ATTACHMENT A

Gordon Rule Revisions (www.pbcc.edu/x10252.xml)

The Gordon Rule was revised and approved by the Florida Department of Education. In this revision, the “word count” was eliminated. This is the complete text of the new rule:

6A-10.030 Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills.

(1) In addition to assessments that may be adopted by the State Board of Education or Board of Governors to measure student achievement in college-level communication and computation skills, other assessment requirements shall be met by successful completion of coursework in English and mathematics. For the purposes of this rule, a grade of C or higher shall be considered successful completion.

(2) Prior to receipt of an Associate of Arts degree from a public community college or university or prior to entry into the upper division of a public university or college, a student shall complete successfully the following:

(a) Six (6) semester hours of English coursework and six (6) semester hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section. These course designations shall be submitted to the Statewide Course Numbering System. An institution to which a student transfers shall accept courses so designated by the sending institution as meeting the writing requirements outlined in this section.

(b) Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher. For the purposes of this rule, applied logic, statistics and other such computation coursework which may not be placed within a mathematics department may be used to fulfill three (3) hours of the six (6) hours required by this section.

(c) Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction pursuant to Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., and students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through one (1) or more of the acceleration mechanisms in Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., shall be considered to have satisfied the requirements in subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C., to the extent of the college credit awarded.

(3) Exemptions and Waivers. Any public community college or university desiring to exempt its students from the requirements of subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C., shall submit an alternative plan to the Department of Education. Upon approval of the plan by the Department, the plan shall be submitted to the State Board of Education or the Board of Governors as appropriate. Upon approval by the State Board of Education or the Board of Governors, said plan shall be deemed effective in lieu of the requirements of subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C.

Specific Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n) FS. Law Implemented 1001.02 FS., Section 15, Chapter 87-212, Laws of Florida. History--New 1-11-82, Formerly 6A-10.30, Amended 6-8-88, 12-18-05

Eliminating the “word count” does not mean that the provisions of the rule that require students to demonstrate college level writing and mathematics skills has been eliminated. Many colleges in Florida, under the former Gordon Rule, confined writing to English composition and literature courses.

This version of the Gordon Rule requires that 6 semester hours of the required 12 hours of Gordon Rule courses be outside the English composition area. PBCC, in its approach to the Gordon Rule, adopted a “writing across the curriculum” philosophy so that we have always had significant writing occurring in courses outside of the English and literature courses. In many ways, our vision of the Gordon Rule is now what many institutions are implementing this academic year. The writing across the curriculum philosophy must still be practiced here at Palm Beach Community College.

Given these changes, we must document how we are going to ensure that the Gordon Rule is still being enforced at Palm Beach Community College.

Please answer the following question for each course that has been designated as a Gordon Rule course in which there is writing content (list on next page):

Question: With the elimination of the word count, how are courses where word counts were assigned now fulfilling the writing requirement? This can be documented through types of writing assignments that will fulfill the writing requirement.

You may choose to use this form linked here

(http://www.pbcc.edu/documents/academic_services/gordonruleform.doc) or you may submit text in a Word document.

Please return your cluster’s responses by: November 15, 2006 to pederseg@pbcc.edu

Gordon Rule Writing Courses:

ENC 1101 College Composition 1 (GR) (3)

ENC 1121 Honors College Composition 1 (GR) (3)

Select one of the following courses:

ENC 1102 College Composition 2 (GR) (3)

ENC 1122 Honors College Composition 2 (GR) (3)

ENC 1141 Writing About Literature (GR) (3)

Students must take the following course:

SPC 1016 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (GR) (3)

Area II - HUMANITIES 6 CREDIT HOURS

Select one of the following courses:

AML 2010 American Literature to 1865 (GR) (3)

AML 2020 American Literature after 1865 (GR) (3)

AML 2600 African American Literature (GR) (3)

ENL 2012 English Literature before 1800 (GR) (3)

ENL 2022 English Literature after 1800 (GR) (3)

LIT 1370 The Bible as Literature (GR) (3)

LIT 2090 Contemporary Literature (GR) (3)

LIT 2110 World Literature before the Renaissance (GR) (3)

LIT 2120 World Literature after the Renaissance (GR) (3)

LIT 2380 Women in Literature (GR) (3)

Select one of the following courses:

ARH 1000 Art Appreciation (GR) (3)

ARH 2050 Art History 1 (GR) (3)

ARH 2051 Art History 2 (GR) (3)

MUH 2018 History and Appreciation of Jazz (GR) (3)

MUL 1010 Music Appreciation (GR) (3)

MUT 1001 Fundamentals of Music (GR) (3)

THE 1000 Theatre Appreciation (GR) (3)

Area V - SOCIAL SCIENCE 6 CREDIT HOURS

Select one of the following courses:

ANT 2000 Anthropology (GR) (3)

ECO 2013 Principles of Macroeconomics (GR) (3)

GEO 1010 Principles of Geography & Conservation (GR) (3)

PSY 2012 General Psychology (GR) (3)

SYG 1230 American Minorities Today (GR) (3)

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology (GR) (3)

SYG 2010 American Social Problems (GR) (3)

Select one of the following courses:

AMH 2010 US History to 1865 (GR) (3)

AMH 2020 US History from 1865 to Present (GR) (3)

POS 1001 Introduction to Political Science (GR) (3)

POS 1041 Introduction to American Government (GR) (3)

POS 2112 American State and Local Government (GR) (3)