

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
GORDON RULE POLICY

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FGCU Gordon Rule Policy has been developed in accordance with State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.030.

COMMUNICATION

In order to complete FGCU's Gordon Rule Communication Skills requirement, a student shall successfully complete four courses, designated as Gordon Rule courses, that equate to six (6) semester credit hours of English coursework (i.e., ENC 1101: Composition I and ENC 1102: Composition II) and six (6) semester credit hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments.

Every effort should be made to ensure that students take the courses in a sequence that provides increasing challenges for improvement of writing skills. Thus, the basic writing English courses should be taken in the first year followed by the discipline-oriented Gordon Rule courses in the second year. It is recommended that a student take only one Gordon Rule writing course per semester. Following are descriptions of requirements for FGCU courses to be designated as Gordon Rule courses.

English Courses (6 semester credit hours):

ENC 1101: Composition I (3 credits) and ENC 1102: Composition II (3 credits)

In these courses, in addition to a number of required shorter writing assignments, which may include exam answers, reviews, and/or personal responses (the selection to be made at the instructor's discretion), students will compose no fewer than four longer writing assignments (one of which may be a major revision) of which two must be at least 750 words in length, and two at least 500 words in length. Each writing assignment will be the result of a writing process that includes creating, revising, and proofreading drafts. In addition, to ensure mastery of college-level skills, each writing assignment will reflect the attributes described in the University's Written Communication Competency:

- Employ the conventions of standard written English;
- Select a topic, and develop it for a specific audience and purpose, with respect to diverse perspectives;
- Select, organize, and relate ideas and information with coherence, clarity, and unity;
- Develop research skills including the ability to collect, analyze, synthesize, and accurately present and document information;
- Apply critical reading skills.

Courses Other Than English Composition (6 semester credit hours):

In these courses, in addition to a number of required shorter writing assignments, which may include exam answers, reviews, and/or personal responses (the selection to be made at the instructor's discretion), students will complete multiple longer writing assignments (one of which may be a major revision) totaling no fewer than 2500 words in length. Each writing assignment will be the result of a writing process that includes creating, revising, and proofreading drafts. In addition, to ensure mastery of college-level skills, each writing assignment will reflect the attributes described in the University's Written Communication Competency:

- Employ the conventions of standard written English;
- Select a topic, and develop it for a specific audience and purpose, with respect to diverse perspectives;
- Select, organize, and relate ideas and information with coherence, clarity, and unity;
- Develop research skills including the ability to collect, analyze, synthesize, and accurately present and document information;
- Apply critical reading skills.

COMPUTATION

Students are required to take six (6) semester credit hours of mathematics coursework at the college algebra level or above. Applied logic, statistics and other computational coursework may be used to fulfill three (3) of the six (6) semester credit hours required. Except for MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra, all mathematics courses offered by FGCU, and the following statistics courses, STA 2023: Statistical Method, STA 2037: Statistics with Calculus, or STA 2122: Social Science Statistics, fulfill FGCU Gordon Rule computation requirements.

To ensure mastery of college-level skills, the General Education mathematics courses will reflect the attributes described in the University's Quantitative Reasoning competency:

- Solve mathematical problems;
- Analyze and interpret quantitative data;
- Summarize data into graphic and tabular formats;
- Make valid inferences from data;
- Distinguish between valid and invalid quantitative analysis and reasoning.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

A grade of C or higher is required for all Gordon Rule coursework.

FGCU shall accept Gordon Rule credit from Florida state universities and community colleges for courses that are designated by those institutions as Gordon Rule courses.

In accordance with Section 1007.27(2), Florida Statutes, and Credit-By-Exam Equivalencies adopted by the Articulation Coordinating Committee, for purposes of completing the requirements for general education, Gordon Rule, or major prerequisites, credit for specific course numbers awarded by exam are to be treated no differently from credit earned in the same courses at the receiving institution.