



Accreditation: Building Bridges Around the World, How International Partners Play a Role

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Broward College Accreditation

Broward College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.



To Maintain Institutional Accreditation

Broward College and our International Partners must maintain compliance with SACSCOC standards and report substantive changes as required.

Within The USA

- Broward College Campuses (within the USA)
- Broward College Off-campus sites (within the USA)

International Sites/Centers

- Off-Campus sites outside the USA

What is accreditation?

“Accreditation by SACSCOC signifies that the institution (1) has a mission appropriate to higher education, (2) has resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that mission, and (3) maintains clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and that indicate whether it is successful in achieving its stated objectives.” - *SACSCOC The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement, December, 2021*

Section 8: Student Achievement

“Student learning and student success are at the core of the mission of all institutions of higher learning. Effective institutions focus on the design and improvement of educational experiences to enhance student learning and support student learning outcomes for its educational programs. To meet the goals of educational programs, an institution provides appropriate academic and student services to support student success.”

Standards related to Student Achievement:

- *8.1- Student Achievement*
- *8.2.a– Student Outcomes: Educational Programs*
- *8.2.b. – Student Outcomes: General Education*
- *8.2.c. – Student Outcomes Academic and Student Services*

Understanding Standard 8.2.a:

- *8.2.a– Student Outcomes: Educational Programs*
 - *Associate of Arts*
 - *Two competencies in addition to general education*
 - *Digital Literacy*
 - *Problem-solving*
 - *Partnership with international faculty and Broward College International Education Department and Broward College local faculty*

Understanding Standard 8.2.b:

- *8.2.b. – Student Outcomes: General Education*
 - *Six competencies:*
 - *Effective Communication*
 - *Mathematical & Scientific Reasoning*
 - *Critical Thinking*
 - *Ethical Reasoning*
 - *Information Literacy*
 - *Global Self-Awareness*
 - *Partnership with international faculty and Broward College International Education Department and Broward College local faculty*

What is a Substantive Change?

“A substantive change is a significant modification or expansion of the nature and scope of an accredited institution.

Substantive change includes high-impact, high-risk changes and changes that can impact the quality of educational programs and services...” - *SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation Manual, December, 2021*

What are the types of Substantive Change?

- Institutional Changes
- Program Changes
- Off-Campus Instructional Site/Additional Location Changes

Institutional Change Disclosure Requirements

- Changing the legal status, form of control, or ownership of the partner institution
- Merging educational offerings with two or more other entities
- Partner institution closure



Program Change Disclosure Requirements



- Addition of new programs outside of those on the approved agreement
- Modifications in method of delivery
- Program closed to admission or entry
- Program re-opening within five years of closure



Off-Campus Instructional Site Disclosure Requirements



- Offering 25% or more of an academic credential
 - 25-49% - Notification
 - 50% or more – Approval prior to implementation
- Site Relocation:
 - Serves the same geographic area or population of students



- Site Name or Address Change
- Site closure
- Site Re-opening



Importance of Communication

Please notify Broward College's International Education (IE) team about ANY upcoming substantive changes



If an international center is unable to notify the IE team prior to the substantive change, notification should be no later than 14 – 30 calendar days



If Broward College is not notified of any substantive changes an international site is not authorized to deliver courses in partnership with Broward College

QUESTIONS?



Thank You & Contact Information



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