Policy for Verification of Student Identity in Distance Education

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SCOPE

This policy applies to all credit-bearing distance learning courses and programs offered by the University of South Alabama, beginning with the application for admission and continuing through to a student's graduation, transfer, or withdrawal from study.

PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the University of South Alabama operates in compliance with the provisions of the United States Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Public Law 110-315 concerning the verification of student identity in distance learning.

All credit-bearing courses and programs offered through distance learning methods must verify that the student who registers for a distance education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives academic credit. One or more of the following methods would be used:

a) An individual secure login and password (i.e. J-number and password)
b) Proctored examinations (i.e. _____

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This policy will be reviewed annually by the Office of Academic Affairs for continued alignment with the appropriate federal regulations and policies and revised as necessary.