



STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Public Comments

**Proposed Amendment of the Senior Citizen Audit Rules at 1D SBCCC 700.1 – “Audited Courses;”
 1E SBCCC 100.1 – “Definitions;” and 1E SBCCC Subchapter 1000 – “Audited Courses”**

Comment Period Ending 15 October 2017

	Page and Line Number	Commenter	Public Comment	System Office Recommendation
1.	Page 1, lines 13-18	A-B Technical Community College	The commenter stated if a student changes registration to “audit” from “graded” after registration, then the college is not readily aware if a grade- or credit-seeking student will be displaced. The provision cannot effectively be audited. This is a rule that is difficult or impossible to fully enforce without additional restrictions which are not appropriate for the SBCC Code. The college believes this provision should be left to college policy.	SO Recommendation: The System Office does not recommend any changes to the proposed amendment. Rather, the System Office Student Services Division will assist colleges in creating policies, procedures, and workflows to deal with operationalizing the eligibility requirement to not “displace” non-auditing students.



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4 **CHAPTER D. EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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6 **SUBCHAPTER 700. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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8 **1D SBCCC 700.1 Audited Courses**

9 (a) Definition. “Audit” means to enroll in a course section for self-enrichment and without
10 ~~the opportunity to receive~~receiving a grade, academic credit, continuing education
11 unit, or certificate of completion. Students shall pay to audit courses consistent with
12 the provisions of 1E SBCCC Subchapter 1000.

13 (b) Eligibility to Audit. A student may audit a course section only on a space available
14 basis as determined by the college. A student who audits a course section shall not
15 displace ~~other students enrolling or registering to receive a grade, academic credit,~~
16 continuing education unit or certificate of completion~~seeking to enroll~~ in the course
17 section. The student must receive approval to audit a course section consistent with
18 the college’s local procedures.

19 (c) Local Policy. Students approved to audit course sections must comply with local
20 college policies related to auditing courses. Colleges may adopt policies and
21 procedures identifying courses available and not available for audit.

22 (d) Transcript. The college shall specify on a student’s transcript if a student audited a
23 course section.

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5;*

26 *Temporary Adoption Eff. ~~July 1, 2017.~~ July 1, 2017;*

27 *Amended Eff. November 1, 2017.*



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4 **CHAPTER E. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES**

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6 **SUBCHAPTER 100. DEFINITIONS**

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8 **1E SBCCC 100.1 Definitions**

9 The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

- 10 (a) “Enroll” – To become a student in a course section by registering for the course section
11 and either making payment or receiving financial aid for that course section. For the
12 purposes of this definition, a tuition or registration fee waiver is a form of financial aid.
- 13 (b) “Local Fees” – A fee charged to a student for a good or service provided by the college
14 other than instruction.
- 15 (c) “Register” – To complete the procedure defined by the college to sign up for a course
16 section.
- 17 (d) “Registration Fee” – The amount charged to a student to enroll in a continuing
18 education course section that earns budget FTE as described in 1G SBCCC 100.99.
- 19 (e) “Self-Supporting Fee” – A fee charged to a student to enroll in a course section that is
20 offered on a self-supporting basis, as provided by 1E SBCCC Subchapter 600.
- 21 (f) “Tuition” - The amount charged to a student to enroll in a curriculum course section
22 that earns budget FTE as described in 1G SBCCC 100.99.
- 23 (g) “Waive” – To exempt a student from paying a charge that would otherwise be required
24 and adjust the student’s account accordingly. The amount waived represents revenue
25 foregone by the entity that would have otherwise received the benefit of the revenue.
- 26 (h) “Audit” – Shall have the same meaning as in 1D SBCCC 700.1(a).

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28 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5;*

29 *Eff. May 16, 2014;*

30 *Temporary Adoption Eff. ~~July 1, 2017~~ July 1, 2017;*

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6 SUBCHAPTER 1000. AUDITED COURSES

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8 **1E SBCCC 1000.1 General Provisions**

9 (a) Tuition and Fees Required. Except as otherwise provided by law, students who audit
10 a course section are required to pay the applicable tuition, registration fee, and other
11 fees charged consistent with this Chapter.

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13 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115B-2.2;*

14 *Temporary Adoption Eff. ~~July 1, 2017.~~ July 1, 2017;*

15 *Amended Eff. December 1, 2017.*

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17 **1E SBCCC 1000.2 Special Provisions for Senior Citizens**

18 (a) Definition of Senior Citizen. For the purposes of this provision, an individual is a senior
19 citizen if the individual is at least 65 years of age as of the first day of the applicable
20 course section. The individual must provide proof of age through a driver's license,
21 State identification card, or other government-issued document.

22 (b) No Tuition or Registration Fee Required. Notwithstanding 1D SBCCC 700.1; 1E
23 SBCCC 300.1, 1E SBCCC 400.1, and 1E SBCCC 1000.1(a) and consistent with G.S.
24 115B-2.2, a senior citizen may audit a course section without payment of any required
25 tuition or registration fee.

26 (c) Self-Supporting Fees Required. Senior citizens shall pay the applicable self-
27 supporting fee ~~to audit for enrollment or registration into~~ a self-supporting course
28 section.

29 (d) Local Fees. Senior citizens shall pay any applicable local fees to audit a course
30 section consistent with the college's local fee policies.

- 1 (e) Reporting: Colleges shall follow System Office procedures for tracking and reporting
2 the number of senior citizens who audit courses under subsection (b). Student
3 membership hours associated with senior citizens who audit courses under
4 subsection (b) shall not be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding
5 purposes (budget full-time equivalent students).
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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115B-2.2;*

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