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<b>Western Michigan University Compliance Matrix</b>						
<b>Regional Accreditation: Higher Learning Commission</b>						
3	<b>Compliance Standard</b>	<b>Summary of Requirement</b>	<b>University Compliance Source</b>	<b>Statutory Citation</b>	<b>Risk Value</b>	<b>Periodic Review Date</b>
4	Statute: Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law No.110-315 20 Y.S.C.§1099b Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13	FDCR.A.10.020 - Assignment of credits, program length, and tuition: An institution shall be able to equate its learning experiences with semester or quarter credit hours using practices common to institutions of higher education, to justify the lengths of its programs in comparison to similar programs found in accredited institutions of higher education, and to justify any program-specific tuition in terms of program costs, program length, and program objectives. Affiliated institutions shall notify the Commission of any significant changes in the relationships among credits, program length, and tuition. [Note: FDCR is an abbreviation of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)].	Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of the Registrar	Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13	Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years, unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
5		FDCR.A.10.030- Institutional records of student complaints: An institution shall make available an account of the student complaints it has received, its processing of those complaints, and how that processing comports with the institution's policies and procedures on the handling of grievances or complaints.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of Institutional Effectiveness	Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13	Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
6		FDCR.10.040 - Publication of transfer: Each institution shall determine its own policies and procedures for accepting transfer credits, including credits from accredited and non-accredited institutions, from foreign institutions, and from institutions that grant credit for experiential learning and for non-traditional adult learner programs in conformity with any expectations in the Commission's Assumed Practices. An institution's periodic review of its transfer policies and procedures should include evaluation of their clarity to those who administer them, to the students who follow them, and to employers and other stakeholders. It should also include the consistency of their interpretation and application throughout the institution, as well as their responsiveness to new types of learning opportunities outside institutions of higher education. An institution shall demonstrate that it has transfer policies that are publicly disclosed and that such policies include a statement of criteria established by the institution regarding transfer of credit earned at another institution. An institution shall also demonstrate that it publishes a list of institutions or programs with which the institution has established articulation agreements to receive and send credit.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Enrollment Management	Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13	Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
7		FDCR.A.10.050. - Practices for verification of student identity: An institution offering distance education or correspondence education, as specified in the federal definitions reproduced herein solely for reference, shall have processes through which the institution establishes that the student who registers in the distance education or correspondence education courses or programs is the same student who participates in and completes and receives the academic credit.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Extended University Programs	Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13	Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
8		FDCR.A.10.060 - Title IV program responsibilities: An institution shall demonstrate that it complies if required with the Title IV program responsibility requirements of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act as most recently amended. Therefore, institutions will provide for Commission review any documents concerning the institution's program responsibilities under Title IV of the Act, including any results of financial or compliance audits and program reviews, audits reports by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education, and any other information related to its fulfillment of its Title IV responsibilities.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of Financial Aid Intercollegiate Athletics	Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13	Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Annually during Institutional Update to Regional Accreditor and during Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.

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9	Statute: Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law No.110-315 20 Y.S.C.§1099b Regulation: 34 C.F.R.§§ 602.10-602.13		General Program Responsibilities				
10			Financial Responsibility Requirements				
11			Default Rates: The institution should take steps to avoid excessive loan default rates. Institutions and teams should use the three-year default rate to complete this section				
12			Campus Crime Information, Athletic Participation, and Related Disclosures. Title IV responsibilities include the legal obligation to disclose information to students and to the public about campus crime, athletic participation and financial aid.				
13			Student Right to Know/Equity in Athletics: Title IV responsibilities require that institutions provide to students and the public graduation/completion rates for the student body by gender, ethnicity, receipt of Pell grants and other data as well as information about the process for withdrawing as a student, cost of attendance, policies on refund and return of Title IV financial aid, current academic programs and faculty, names of applicable accrediting agencies, description of facilities for disabled students, and the institution's policy on enrollment in study abroad. In addition, certain institutions need to disclose their transfer-out rate. Also, institutions with athletic programs are required to disclose athletic participation rates and financial support data.				
14			Satisfactory Academic Progress and Attendance Policies: The institution is required to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress policy and an attendance policy as part of the Title IV program.				
15			Contractual Relationships: List any contracts related to academic programs with third-party entities not accredited by a federally recognized accrediting agency.				Annually during Institutional Update to Regional Accreditor and during Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
16			Consortia Relationships: List any consortia relationships with other entities accredited by a federally recognized accrediting agency.				Annually during Institutional Update to Regional Accreditor and during Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
17		FDCR.A.10.070- Required information for students and the public: An institution demonstrates that it makes available to students and the public fair, accurate and complete information in catalogs, student handbooks, and other publications that include, at a minimum, information about the institution's calendar, grading, admissions, academic program requirements, tuition and fees, and refund policies	Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of the Registrar			Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
18		FDCR.A.10.070. - Advertising and recruitment materials and other public information: An institution's public information including its advertising and recruiting materials shall evidence the same fairness and accuracy the Commission expects in an institution's catalog and other documents for students.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Enrollment Management Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Communication			Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
19		FDCR.A.10.070. - Publication of student outcome data: An institution's information for students and the public shall include information regarding student achievement. This information shall include student retention rates, completion rates or other information appropriate for the mission of the institution and its goals for students.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of Institutional Effectiveness			Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Annually during Institutional Update to regional accreditor Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
20		FDCR.A.10.070: Public notification of opportunity to comment: The Commission shall seek comment from third parties about institutions being evaluated for accreditation or candidacy. As part of the comprehensive evaluation, institutions shall publicize the forthcoming evaluation in accordance with established Commission procedures regarding content, dissemination, and timing.	Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of Institutional Effectiveness			Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.
21		FDCR.A.10.080 - Review of student outcome data: An institution shall demonstrate that, wherever applicable to its programs, its consideration of outcome data in evaluating the success of its students and its programs includes course completion, job placement, and licensing examination information.	Vice President for Academic Affairs			Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.	Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.

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<p>Statute: Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law No. 110-315 20 Y.S.C. §1099b Regulation: 34 C.F.R. §§ 602.10-602.13</p>	<p>FDCR.A.10.090 - Standing with state and other accrediting agencies: <b>An institution has a responsibility to remain in good standing with each state in which it is authorized or licensed</b> as well as with any other institutional or programmatic accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education by which it is accredited or pre-accredited up to the point that it voluntarily withdraws from such relationships. An institution shall fairly represent to the Commission and to the public its history or current or previous status with other institutional or programmatic accrediting bodies and with each state in which it is authorized or licensed. An institution shall disclose to the Commission any pending or final state actions that affects the institution's legal status or authority to grant degrees or offer programs and any pending or final actions by an accrediting agency to withdraw accredited or pre-accredited status, impose a sanction or deny an application for such status. Such disclosure shall take place at the time of the action by the other entity and on the Commission's Institutional Update as well assign preparation for a comprehensive evaluation by the Commission.</p>	<p>Vice President for Academic Affairs Office of Institutional Effectiveness</p>	<p><b>The following is accurate as of 05/15/2019: WMU remains in federal compliance with Title II reporting (e.g., IPEDS data, etc.); and FAA regulations relating to the establishment of an Air Agency.</b> WMU remains in state compliance with <b>Michigan Department of Transportation-Michigan Aeronautics Commission licensure regulations for operating a Flight School; School Administrator Certification Code</b> (By authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1246 and 1536 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1246 and MCL 380.1536, and Executive Reorganization Order No. 1996-6, MCL 388.993); <b>Teacher Certification Code</b> (By authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by sections 1531, 1531i, 1531k, 1535a, and 1539b of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1531, MCL 380.1531i, MCL 380.1531k, MCL 380.1535a, and MCL 380.1539b, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-6 and 1996-7, MCL 388.993 and 388.994); <b>Certification and Licensure of School Counselors</b> (By authority conferred on the superintendent of public instruction by section 1233 and section 1531 of 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1233 and MCL 380.1531).</p>	<p>Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.</p>	<p>Annual document review by state agency. Annually during Institutional Update to Regional Accreditor. Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>FDCR.A.10.020: Competency-based programs including direct assessment programs/faculty-student engagement: On an ongoing basis, peer reviewers must verify for any competency-based education programs (including credit-based, direct assessment or hybrid programs) offered by an institution and previously approved by HLC that students and faculty communicate on some regular basis that is at least equivalent to contact in a traditional classroom, and that in the tasks mastered to assure competency, faculty and students interact about critical thinking, analytical skills, and written and oral communication abilities, as well as about substantive matters such as core ideas, important theories, current knowledge, etc. In addition, peer reviewers must also verify that the credit hour equivalencies for these programs are appropriate, and credit hour information about these programs should be included on the Worksheet on the Assignment of Credit Hours and Clock Hours.</p>	<p>Vice President for Academic Affairs</p>	<p>Regulation: 34 C.F.R. §§ 602.10-602.13</p>	<p>Requirement for institutional accreditation by regional accreditor.</p>	<p>Reaffirmation of Accreditation every 10 years unless otherwise requested by regional accreditor.</p>	
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