

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

Fort Scott Community College is working in cooperation with the Department of Education and numerous state agencies to comply with the requirements of the *State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement* (SARA). Fort Scott Community College is approved to offer distance education courses in other states through the Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (**M-SARA**).

Changes to the Higher Education Act of 1965 have made it necessary for each institution of higher learning to respond to the following: "If an institution is offering post secondary education through distance or correspondence education to students in a State in which it is not physically located or in which it is otherwise subject to State jurisdiction as determined by the State, the institution must meet any State requirements for it to be legally offering post secondary distance or correspondence education in that State. An institution must be able to document to the Secretary the State's approval upon request. (Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1001 and 1002)"

Student Complaint Process

Fort Scott Community College strives to address all student complaints fairly and effectively. Students are encouraged to use the institution's Appeals Process to resolve academic or disciplinary issues. The steps, timelines, and resolution procedures are detailed in the academic catalog and student handbook.

If a complaint can not be resolved internally, students may file a complaint regarding State Authority Reciprocity Agreement courses with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) by using the KBOR SARA Complaint Form.

http://kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/Academic_Affairs/3257-ComplaintForm_SARAINstitutions.pdf