

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION

DATE: May 8, 2024

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.006 - Civic Literacy

SUMMARY:

At the January 24, 2024, meeting, the Board of Governors approved an amendment to add the AMH X010 course to the list of options for students entering in fall 2024 and thereafter to meet civic literacy competencies. The addition of this course provides students another option for meeting both the general education core requirement in social science and the civic literacy requirement.

Board staff proposed an amendment to align Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy, to include the new course and the CLEP History United States I exam determined to meet the civic literacy competencies based on the recommendation from the faculty discipline committee. The proposed amendment also identifies the courses, assessments, and accelerated mechanisms that have been determined to include the civic literacy competencies as specified in section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. For students entering fall 2024 and after, the proposed amendment aligns with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, to ensure seamless articulation across systems. It outlines the requirements for civic literacy competency for transfer students entering a State University System institution.

Board staff has coordinated the proposed amendment with Florida College System and Florida Department of Education staff to ensure the changes are consistent across the systems.

The Board approved the public notice of intent to amend this regulation at the meeting on March 27, 2024. The amended regulation was available for public comment, and substantive feedback was provided. Board staff is proposing a revision to the proposed amendment to allow for existing undergraduate students to use the same mechanisms to demonstrate civic literacy as newly enrolled students. This revision will allow currently enrolled undergraduate students to take the new general education core

course option of AMH X010, Introductory Survey to 1877, to meet the civic literacy course requirement in fall 2024

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Ms. Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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8.006 Civic Literacy Competency

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2. An understanding of the United States Constitution and its application.
3. Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-government.
4. An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation and landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society.

(b) Achieving the standard score on one of the following assessments.

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Standard Score</u>
<u>Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Advanced Placement United States History</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>CLEP: American Government</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>CLEP: History of the United States I</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Florida Civic Literacy Examination</u>	<u>60%</u>

(4) Beginning with Fall Term 2024 and thereafter, any undergraduate degree-seeking student can use the options outlined in (3) to satisfy competency in civic literacy prior to graduation.

(5) Beginning with the 2021-22 Academic Year, State University System institutions must ensure they provide opportunities for students to engage synchronously in political discussions and civil debates with multiple points of view and to master the ability to synthesize information that informs civic decision-making.

(6) Beginning with the 2021-22 Academic Year, students who earned a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination while in high school are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment requirement.

(7) Any transfer student who enters a State University System institution and has not met the civic literacy competency requirement must meet the requirement based on the date the student initially transfers to the State University System institution. A student who has previously completed the civic literacy competency requirement at a Florida College System institution or State University System institution is considered to have met the civic literacy competency requirement.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., History— 03-29-18, Amended 1-26-22, XX-XX-XX