

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION

DATE: March 25, 2014

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.005, General Education Core Course Options

SUMMARY: The proposed Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 will provide direction for the implementation of significant revisions to the general education program requirements as stated in Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. The statute was initially amended by the 2012 Legislature and was further amended by the 2013 Legislature.

To respond to the legislation, specific general education core course options for state university and college undergraduate students were identified as a result of extensive work done by a statewide, cross-sector General Education Steering Committee. The Committee, consisting of faculty representatives of the State University System (SUS) and Florida College System (FCS), worked directly with cross-sector faculty discipline committees during 2012 and 2013 to identify specific core course options in the five subject areas of communication, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, and social sciences. During this period, the draft recommendations were distributed to the chief academic officers of the SUS and the FCS. Through this review process, feedback from SUS and FCS faculty governance and administrative groups was received and incorporated into the recommended set of general education core course options. The draft recommendations were also reviewed and approved by the chancellors of both sectors.

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: Jon Rogers, Director, 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:

General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System, 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), or [generalcounsel@flbog.edu](mailto:generalcounsel@flbog.edu).

## 8.005 General Education Core Course Options -

- (1) Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, students entering a state university as a first-time-in-college student in the Fall Term, 2015, and thereafter must complete at least one (1) course from each of the general education subject areas listed in this section. These courses comprise the general education core as required per section 1007.25(3), Florida Statutes. The remaining courses and credits that will fulfill the total 36-hour general education requirement are at the discretion of the state university. Completion of both the general education core and remaining university-specified general education courses are required for completion of an undergraduate degree.

(a) Complete one of the following courses in Communication:

ENC X101 English Composition I or

A course with an ENC prefix for which ENCX101 is a direct prerequisite.

(b) Complete one of the following courses in Humanities:

ARH X000 Art Appreciation or

HUM X020 Introduction to Humanities or

LIT X000 Introduction to Literature or

MUL X010 Introduction to Music Literature/Music Appreciation or

PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy or

THE X000 Theatre Appreciation.

(c) Complete one of the following courses in Mathematics:

MAC X105 College Algebra or

MAC X311 Calculus I or

MGF X106 Liberal Arts Mathematics I or

MGF X107 Liberal Arts Mathematics II or

STA X023 Statistical Methods or

A mathematics course for which one of the above general education core course options in mathematics is a direct prerequisite.

(d) Complete one of the following courses in Natural Sciences:

AST X002 Descriptive Astronomy or

BSC X005 General Biology or

BSC X010 General Biology I or

BSC X085 Anatomy and Physiology I or

CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies or

CHM X045 General Chemistry I or

ESC X000 Introduction to Earth Science or

EVR X001 Introduction to Environmental Science or

PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics or

PHY X048 General Physics with Calculus or

PHY X053 General Physics I or

A natural science course for which one of the above general education core course options in natural science is a direct prerequisite.

(e) Complete one of the following courses in Social Sciences

AMH X020 Introductory Survey Since 1877 or

ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology or

ECO X013 Macroeconomics or

POS X041 American Government or

PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology or

SYG X000 Principles of Sociology.

(2) Students who transfer into a state university or between state universities shall be required to meet the above general education core requirements if the students were classified as first-time-in-college at their original postsecondary institution Fall Term 2015 and thereafter. Any course accepted by an institution in the Florida College System or State University System as meeting the general education core at that institution shall be accepted as meeting the core requirements at all institutions. All credit earned by other transfer students shall be evaluated by the receiving institution on a course-by-course basis to determine core equivalency.

(3) Institutions shall report to the Statewide Course Numbering System all courses used to fulfill subject area core course options. Any course recommended to be added to the list of general education core course options from section (1) shall be reported to the Office of K-20 Articulation at <http://fldoe.org/articulation> for review. Institutions may apply their own course titles to the general education core course options.

(4) Institutions must recognize credit earned through an acceleration mechanism in Section 1007.27, Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation 6.006 as meeting the related general education core course requirement.

(5) Institutions may grant a substitution or modification to the courses listed above for eligible disabled students, subject to Board of Governors Regulation 6.018.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., New -