

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
May 8, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006,
Civic Literacy

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the January 24, 2024, meeting, the Board of Governors approved an amendment to Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options, that added AMH X010, Introductory Survey to 1877, as a general education core course option in social sciences. A faculty discipline committee reviewed the course on February 23, 2024, to ensure it aligned with the civic literacy competencies outlined in section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. The faculty committee recommended that the course meet the civic literacy competencies. The AMH X010 course has been added 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 identifies the Florida Civic Literacy Examination as an option for meeting the assessment requirement, replacing the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test. The change in the assessment aligns with the assessment required for Florida College System students and Florida high school students.

The proposed amendment aligns with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, ensuring 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.

At this meeting, the committee will consider a revised amendment to the regulation. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the proposed regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days in accordance with the Boards of Governors' regulation development procedure. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the proposed revisions to the amendment.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy

Facilitators/Presenters: Ms. Emily Sikes