

**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 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

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

(1) Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university in the 2018-19 aAcademic yYear through the 2020-21 aAcademic yYear must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to graduation.

(a) Successfully passing either POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877. Each of the courses must include the following competencies.

1. Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
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.

Assessment	Standard Score
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test – Civics (U.S. history and government) with supplemental questions	60
Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States	3
Advanced Placement United States History	4
CLEP American Government	50

(2) Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university during the 2021-22 Academic Year ~~and thereafter~~ through the 2023-24 Academic Year must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing 2(a) and 2(b) prior to graduation:

(a) Successfully passing either POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877. Each of the courses must include the following competencies ~~and opportunities 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.~~

1. Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
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 of 60 on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test – Civics (U.S. history and government) with supplemental questions or the Florida Civic Literacy Examination.
- (c) Students may meet both of the competency requirements in 2(a) and 2(b) through accelerated mechanisms as specified below.
1. Students may meet the course requirement in 2(a) by successfully passing dual enrollment versions of POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877, or through achieving the standard score on the Cambridge ACE History, CLEP History of the United States II, or the I.B. History exams.
 2. Students may meet both the course requirement in 2(a) and the exam requirement in 2(b) by achieving a passing score on the Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States, Advanced Placement United States History, or CLEP American Government.

Accelerated Mechanism	Standard Score	Requirement Met
Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States	3	Course & Assessment
Advanced Placement United States History	4	Course & Assessment
Cambridge ACE History, U.S. History, c.1840-1990 (A-Level)	A-E	Course
CLEP American Government	50	Course and Assessment
CLEP History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	50	Course
Dual Enrollment versions of POSX041 or AMHX020	Passing Grade	Course
I.B. History: History of America	5-7	Course

~~(d) Exception: Students who take the United States Government course in high school and earn a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination in fall 2021 and thereafter are exempt from the requirement in (2)(b) above.~~

(3) Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university during the 2024-25 Academic Year and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing 3(a) and 3(b) prior to graduation:

(a) Successfully passing either POSX041 American Government, AMHX010, Introductory Survey to 1877, or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877. AMHX010 satisfies the course requirement if completed after the start of fall 2024. Credits earned for such courses via articulated acceleration mechanisms will count toward the civic literacy course requirement. Each of the courses must include the following competencies.

1. Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.

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