

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 18, 2024**

SUBJECT: Civil Discourse and the American Political Order

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2023 session, the Florida Legislature amended Section 1004.6496, Florida Statutes which enhanced the mission and responsibility of the Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education at the University of Florida. The center was required to develop a new statewide course in civil discourse to meet the postsecondary civic literacy competency course requirement. The Hamilton Center developed AMS X010, Civil Discourse, and the American Political Order.

This new course has been accepted into the Statewide Course Numbering System and reviewed to ensure it meets the statutory requirements for civic literacy. As a result of this process, any Florida public postsecondary institution will be able to offer the course using the framework developed by the Hamilton Center. The University of Florida plans to offer the course in spring 2025.

Dr. William Inboden, Professor and Director of the Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education at the University of Florida, will provide an overview of the course.

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

Facilitators/Presenters:

Dr. William Inboden