

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
June 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 General Education Core Course Options

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of the proposed Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 General Education Core Course Options

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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.

This regulation was reviewed by university general counsels, members of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, and other academic administrators. No concerns were expressed during the notice period. The regulation was approved for noticing by the Board on March 20, 2014.