

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
March 27, 2024

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

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of 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

Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy, outlines the options for undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university to demonstrate competency in civic literacy. Competency is currently demonstrated with the successful completion of a course and an assessment that includes civic literacy competencies, consistent with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes.

The Board of Governors approved adding AMH X010, Introductory Survey to 1877, as a general education core course option in social sciences at its January 24, 2024, meeting. A faculty discipline committee was convened on February 23, 2024, to review and align the course with the civic literacy competencies outlined in section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. The course was determined to meet the civic literacy competencies and has been added to the list of options for students entering in fall 2024 and thereafter in the proposed amendment to Regulation 8.006. The faculty discipline committee also reviewed two CLEP exams, History United States I and II, and determined History United States I aligned with the required civic literacy competencies.

Board staff proposes an amendment to Regulation 8.006 to include the new course and CLEP exam determined to meet the civic literacy competencies. 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.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy

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