

CIVIC LITERACY COMPETENCY

Consistent with Florida Board of Governors Regulation 8.006 (https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/8.006_Civic_Literacy_Competency_06.28.24.pdf) and Florida Statute Section 1007.25 (http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1007/Sections/1007.25.html), in order to earn a bachelor's degree, undergraduate students must satisfy the State of Florida's Civic Literacy requirement by demonstrating competency in civic literacy.

Competency in civic literacy is demonstrated by the following:

- Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government.
- An understanding of the United States Constitution and its application.
- Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-government.
- An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation and landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society.

Depending on when a student initially enters a public Florida institution (Florida College System (FCS) or State University System (SUS) institution) as an undergraduate degree-seeking student, the following requirements must be met prior to graduation, see cohorts below.

Student Cohorts

Initially Entering Fall 2024 or Later (Cohort 4)

Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering an FCS or SUS during the 2024-25 Academic Year and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing a course **and** an assessment through the following options prior to graduation:

Mechanism	Standard Score or Minimum Grade	Requirement Met
Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States	3	Course & Assessment
Advanced Placement United States History	4	Course & Assessment
AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877 (Fall 2024 & After) (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877 (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
AMSX010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order (Spring 2025 & After) (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course

Cambridge AICE History, U.S. History, c. 1840-1990 (A-Level)	A-E	Course
CLEP American Government	50	Course & Assessment
CLEP History of the United States I	50	Course & Assessment
CLEP History of the United States II	50	Course
I.B. History: History of the Americas	5-7	Course
Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)	60	Assessment
POSX041 American Government (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course

Initially Entering Fall 2021 - Summer 2024 (Cohort 3)

Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering an FCS or SUS during the 2021-22 Academic Year through the 2023-2024 Academic Year must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing a course **AND** an assessment through the following options prior to graduation:

Mechanism	Standard Score or Minimum Grade	Requirement Met
Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States	3	Course & Assessment
Advanced Placement United States History	4	Course & Assessment
AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877 (Fall 2024 & After) (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877 (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
AMSX010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order (Spring 2025 & After) (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
Cambridge AICE History, U.S. History, c. 1840-1990 (A-Level)	A-E	Course
CLEP American Government	50	Course & Assessment
CLEP History of the United States I	50	Course & Assessment
CLEP History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	50	Course
Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)	60	Assessment

I.B. History: History of the Americas	5-7	Course
POSX041 American Government (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test - Civics (U.S. history and government) with supplemental questions - Civic Literacy Exam	60	Assessment

Initially Entering Fall 2018 - Summer 2021 (Cohort 2)

Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering an FCS or SUS during the 2018-19 Academic Year through the 2020-2021 Academic Year must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing a course OR an assessment through the following options prior to graduation:

Mechanism	Standard Score or Minimum Grade	Requirement Met
Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States	3	Course & Assessment
Advanced Placement United States History	4	Course & Assessment
AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877 (Fall 2024 & After)	C	Course
AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877 (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
AMX010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order (Spring 2025 & After) (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course
Cambridge AICE History, U.S. History, c. 1840-1990 (A-Level)	A-E	Course
CLEP American Government	50	Course & Assessment
CLEP History of the United States I	50	Course & Assessment
CLEP History of the United States II	50	Course
Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)	60	Assessment
I.B. History: History of the Americas	5-7	Course
POSX041 American Government (including dual enrollment versions)	C	Course

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test - Civics (U.S. history and government) with supplemental questions - Civic Literacy Exam	60	Assessment
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Initially Entering Prior to Fall 2018 (Cohort 1)

Undergraduate degree-seeking students initially entering an FCS or SUS prior to the 2018-19 Academic Year are exempt from the Civic Literacy requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Exempt from the Civic Literacy Requirement?

Students who initially entered an FCS or SUS institution prior to fall 2018.

Students who completed an AA degree through Dual Enrollment at an FCS or SUS institution prior to Fall 2018.

Are Transfer Students Required to Satisfy the Civic Literacy Requirement?

Any transfer student who enters an SUS institution and has not met the civic literacy competency requirement must meet the requirement based on the date the student initially transfers to the SUS institution. A student who has previously completed the civic literacy competency requirement at an FCS or SUS institution is considered to have met the civic literacy competency requirement.

Can an Out-of-State or Private College/University Transfer Course Count Toward the Civic Literacy Course Requirement?

Only if the Director of General Education and the appropriate department chairperson determine that the course is equivalent in content to AMH 2010, AMH 2020, or POS 2041 and contains the mandated Civic Literacy competencies.

Will Students Who Previously Took the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Civics Test to Become U.S. Citizens be Considered to Have Satisfied the Civic Literacy Requirement?

No. Students who took the USCIS Civics Test to become U.S. citizens will not have met the Civic Literacy requirement. The requirements of the USCIS test differ from those of the Civic Literacy Exam.

Can an Out-of-State or Private College/University Exam Count Toward the Civic Literacy Assessment Requirement?

No. The only acceptable exam options for your cohort are listed above.

If a Student Passed the FCLE in High School Does That Satisfy the Civic Literacy Assessment Requirement?

Yes. Beginning with the 2021-22 Academic Year, students who earn a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination while in high school are exempt from the postsecondary Civic Literacy assessment requirement.

Where do I Find Information on the FCLE?

For information regarding the FCLE, please visit our Testing Services (<https://www.fgcu.edu/testing/programs/civic-literacy-exam/>) page.

Are Students Who Completed an AA Degree at an FCS or SUS Institution Considered as Having Satisfied the Civic Literacy Requirement?

Only if Civic Literacy is documented as part of the AA requirements.

How will the Civic Literacy Requirement Display in the FGCU Academic Transcript?

FGCU academic transcripts will display the comment "Civic Literacy Requirement Decision" with an indicator of Y, N, or Z and the comments "Civic Literacy Assessment Decision" and "Civic Literacy Course Decision" with an indicator of Y or N based on the student's official academic record at the time of transcript processing. The following represents the FGCU transcript legend for Civic Literacy requirement.

- Z Exempt
- Y Fulfilled
- N Not Fulfilled