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Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code, Civic Literacy Competency

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Postsecondary Civic Literacy: Brief Historical Overview

- 2018-19 – Students initially entering a Florida College System (FCS) institution or state university became required to meet civic literacy requirement by passing an approved course or assessment that includes the competencies in section (s.) 1007.25, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- 2018 – SBOE adopted rule identifying approved courses and assessments.
 - Currently Approved Courses
 - POS X041 American Government
 - AMH X020 Introductory Survey Since 1877
 - Currently Approved Assessments and Passing Scores
 - AP Government and Politics: United States 3
 - AP United States History 4
 - CLEP: American Government 50

Senate Bill 1108 (2021)

- SB 1108 amended s. 1007.25, F.S., to require students initially entering an FCS institution in 2021-22 and thereafter to complete a course and pass an assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy.
- SB 1108 also added:
 - Students must have 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.
 - Credits earned through authorized acceleration mechanisms in s. 1007.27, F.S., will count toward the civic literacy requirement.
 - High school students in U.S. Government who pass the approved civic literacy assessment will be exempt from the civic literacy competency *assessment* requirement when they matriculate to postsecondary.

Updates to the Florida Civic Literacy Examination

- In early 2021, the FDOE began the process to revise the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE) and to take steps to increase test security.
- A review was conducted by 30 content experts representing faculty from FCS, State University System (SUS), LFI and the Bill of Rights Institute in July 2021.
- The revised version of the FCLE addresses the same content as the previous version, and is shorter, with 80 test items, rather than 100.
- The temporary passing score remains 60% until enough new scores are collected for standard setting.
- HB 311 (2021) added all examinations and assessment instruments, including developmental materials and workpapers, which are prepared, prescribed or administered pursuant to s. 1007.25, F.S., as confidential and exempt.

FDOE Action and Outreach Highlights

- Legislative Overview memorandum issued July 2021 with accompanying webinar series.
- Information provided at FCS Council of Presidents and at sub-council meetings.
- The Division of Florida Colleges held a rule workshop on August 16, 2021.
- Cambium hosted a FCLE webinar on August 18, 2021.
- The Office of Articulation updated FASTER on October 4, 2021, to include a new record on secondary transcripts to capture student passage of the FCLE in high school.
- The Office of Articulation has worked with DFC and Board of Governors staff to update the Postsecondary Transcript in FASTER to capture new civic literacy requirements, expected in production December 2021.
- The Office of Postsecondary Assessment held a webinar for FCS and BOG on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination on October 5, 2021.