



# Civic Literacy Update for ACC

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## Section 1007.25, F.S.

1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites; other **degree requirements**.

(4) Beginning with students **initially entering** a Florida College System institution or state university in the 2018-2019 school year and thereafter, each student must **demonstrate competency in civic literacy**.

## Section 1007.25, F.S.

Students must have the option to demonstrate competency through **successful completion of a civic literacy course** or by **achieving a passing score on an assessment**.

The State Board of Education must adopt in rule and the Board of Governors must adopt in **regulation at least one existing assessment** that measures competencies consistent with the required course competencies outlined in paragraph (b).

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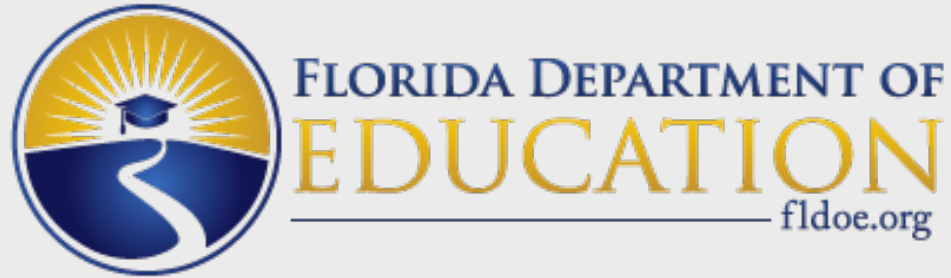
The chair of the State Board of Education and the chair of the Board of Governors, or their respective designees, shall jointly appoint a **faculty committee** to:

(a) Develop a new course in civic literacy **or** revise **an** existing general education core course in American History **or** American Government to include civic literacy.

## Section 1007.25, F.S.

(b) Establish course competencies and identify outcomes that include, at a minimum,

- **an understanding of the basic principles of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government,**
- **an understanding of the United States Constitution,**
- **knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-governance, and**
- **an understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases and their impact on law and society.**



# Civic Literacy Implementation Timeline

## Implementation Timeline Fall 2018

- Panel continues to **meet every other week for at least 90 minutes via conference call / webinar** to develop the draft recommendation.
- **Complete the draft recommendation** – identify course and competencies, with any explanatory or descriptive notes as well as ways to document completion of the civics requirement– by ***November 1, 2017.***
- Post recommendation on web to **solicit feedback from FCS and SUS faculty and administrators** by ***November 15.***

## Next Steps

- Staffs from the Board of Governors and the Florida College System will identify appropriate existing assessments
- All incoming Fall 2018 students will need to complete the requirement by their graduation



## SBOE - Notice of Rule Development

The notice of rule development for Civic Literacy Competency was published in the Florida Administrative Register on October 20, 2017. The notice is available at this website:

<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=6A-10.02413>

## Board of Governors - Regulation Development

The final recommendation to implement the law is drafted for addition to BOG regulation and DOE rule in time for March 28-29 BOG meeting. Draft regulations must be posted at least 30 days prior to adoption by the Board of Governors. Drafts are circulated to all SUS institutions to allow for comments, which are reviewed before final adoption of any regulation.



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