







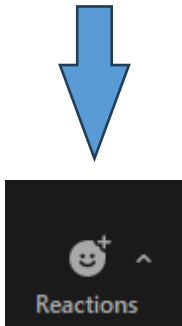
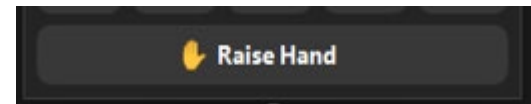
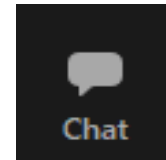
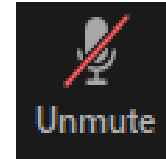
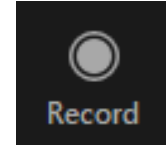
# Rule Workshop: 6A-10.02413 Civic Literacy Competency

**Florida Department of Education, Division of Florida Colleges**  
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## Agenda

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- Proposed Rule Amendments
- Timeline and Next Steps
- Q & A
- Public Comment



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## Current Rule Requirements

### **Rule 6A-10.02413 Civic Literacy Competency**

# Current Rule

## **6A-10.02413 Civic Literacy Competency.**

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to set forth requirements for demonstration of civic literacy competency in accordance with Section 1007.25(5), F.S.

(2) Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, first-time-in-college students entering a Florida College System institution in the Fall Term 2018 through the 2020-21 academic year must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing an approved course or assessment listed in either paragraph (5)(a) or (5)(b) prior to graduation:

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(4) Prior to the award of a specialized associate in arts transfer degree, associate in science, or associate in applied science degree, students initially entering a Florida College System institution in the Fall Term 2022, and thereafter, must demonstrate competency in civic literacy by completing an approved course and assessment listed in paragraphs (5)(a) and (5)(b) prior to graduation.

(5) Approved civic literacy courses and assessments.

(a) Successful completion of either POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877 or beginning with the Fall Term 2024, and thereafter, successful completion of AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877. Each of the courses must include the following competencies:

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

(b) Achieving the standard score on one of the following assessments:

Assessment	Standard Score
AP Government and Politics: United States	3
AP United States History	4
CLEP: American Government	50
CLEP: History of the United States I	50
Florida Civic Literacy Examination	60%

## Current Rule (continued)

(6) Beginning with the Fall Term 2021, and thereafter, Florida College System institutions must ensure they provide opportunities for students 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.

(7) Beginning with the Fall Term 2021, and thereafter, credit received by examination under subsection 6A-10.024(8), F.A.C., for courses listed in paragraph (5)(a) will count toward meeting the course requirement.

(8) Beginning with the Fall Term 2021, and thereafter, students who earned a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Examination while in high school are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment requirement.

(9) Any transfer student who enters a Florida College System institution and has not met the civic literacy competency requirement must meet the requirement based on the date the student initially transfers to the Florida College System institution. A student who previously completed the civic literacy competency requirement at a Florida College System institution or State University System institution is considered to have met the civic literacy competency requirement.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), 1007.25(5)(a)-(b) FS. Law Implemented 1007.25 FS. History—New 6-19-18, Amended 11-23-21, 5-3-22, 7-2-24.*



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# Proposed Rule Amendment

**Rule 6A-10.02413 Civic Literacy Competency**

# Summary of Proposed Rule Amendment

## Rule 6A-10.02413, F.A.C., Civic Literacy Competency

- During the 2023 legislative session, Senate Bill 266 amended Section (s.) 1004.6496, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and gave the Hamilton Center at the University of Florida specific statutory authority to create a course to meet the civic literacy competency course requirement.
- The Hamilton Center created AMS 2010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order. This new course is being added to rule language as an additional course option to meet the civic literacy competency course requirement.
- Additionally, other technical changes for purposes of clarity and consistency are being made.



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## Timeline for Implementation and Next Steps

- We anticipate the State Board of Education will consider the proposed rule for adoption at its November 20, 2024, meeting.
- Once the rule is effective, the Florida Department of Education will provide additional technical assistance.
- Each college should review the statutory and rule requirements and update their existing policies and procedures to comply with the provisions. This compliance may include updating institutional catalogs and websites, informing academic advisors and modifying reporting mechanisms.

## Links to Resources

- [State Board Rules Under Review](#)
- [Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency](#)
- [Civic Literacy FAQs](#)
- [Postsecondary Civic Literacy Resources](#)
- [Florida Civic Literacy Exam \(FCLE\) Webpage](#)



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# Q & A

## Question & Answer

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