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From: Deborah D. Teed, Dean, School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
Re: Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency Removal of the Civics Literacy Requirement U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization Test - Civics (U.S. history and government) with supplemental questions from the Catalog AND Testing Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency
Date:

After receiving an email from Kathryn Hebda, the Florida College System Chancellor at the Florida Department of Education, Regarding Rule 6A-10.02413, Civic Literacy Competency:

“In May 2020, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Civic Literacy Competency, which added the Florida Civic Literacy Test to the approved assessments students could use to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency. In June 2020, the department received a rule challenge, and subsequently ceased implementation of the Florida Civic Literacy Test while we responded to the rule challenge.

After careful review and consultation with our general counsel, the department has made a decision to withdraw the rule amendment from the Florida Administrative Code. This withdrawal means that Florida College System students are not permitted to use the Florida Civic Literacy Test to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency. This withdrawal does not invalidate the existing rule.

Students may continue to demonstrate civic literacy competency through the successful completion of a course (POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877) or by achieving a passing score on the assessments identified in the rule: AP Government and Politics: United States; AP United States History; or CLEP: American Government.

The department remains committed to identifying a low-cost assessment option for students to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency.”

We are recommending the removal of this language from the Current 2020-2021 FSW College Catalog in the areas where it is present.

Respectfully,

Deborah D. Teed

Dean, School of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences

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Approval to update the catalog to match the current guidance from FCS.

Thanks!

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Subject: Civics Literacy

Good afternoon, Dr. DeLuca,

In light of the recent communications from the Florida Department of Education regarding the Civics Literacy requirement, I am submitting the attached memorandum to amend the catalog language.

Yours truly,

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