

## Civic Literacy for College of Business Students

### What is the Civic Literacy Requirement?

The State of Florida requires degree-seeking students to demonstrate knowledge of American history and American government by passing a course and/or an assessment. [www.fau.edu/ugstudies/civic-literacy-requirement/](http://www.fau.edu/ugstudies/civic-literacy-requirement/)

### When must I complete the Civic Literacy Requirement?

**Civic Literacy is a requirement to declare a College of Business major;** complete within your first two terms at FAU.

### How do I know if I am required to complete Civic Literacy?

You can view the table below but please confirm your requirements with your academic advisor.

I started my degree at a Florida public college or university:	Do I need to complete Civic Literacy?	Do I need an assessment, a course, or both?
Before Fall 2018	No (Cohort 1)	Neither
Fall 2018 to Summer 2021	Yes (Cohort 2)	Either a course or an assessment*
Fall 2021 to Summer 2024	Yes (Cohort 3)	Both a course and an assessment* (FCLT)
Fall 2024 or later	Yes (Cohort 4)	Both a course and an assessment* (FCLE)

\*Some AP and CLEP exams from the College Board also satisfy the assessment requirement. See below.

### I passed AP, AICE, or IB exams in high school. Will this satisfy Civic Literacy?

Depending on the exam you passed, you may meet the assessment requirement, the course requirement, or both. Send your official exam scores directly to FAU admissions.

- **AP:** If you earned a 3 in AP Government and Politics or a 4 in AP US History, both the course and the assessment requirement are complete. You will not need anything else for Civic Literacy.
- **AICE:** If you earned A-E on Cambridge AICE US History, c. 1840-1990 (A-Level), you will meet the course requirement; you will need the FCLT if you are in cohort 3 or the FCLE if you are in cohort 4.
- **IB:** If you earned 5-7 on IB History of America, you will meet the course requirement; you will need the FCLT if you are in cohort 3 or the FCLE if you are in cohort 4.

### I took an equivalent to one of the Civic Literacy course requirements at a previous college/university. Is this accepted?

For **POS2041** or **AMH2020**, equivalent coursework may be accepted if the course was taken in **Fall 2018** or later.

For **AMH2010**, equivalent coursework may be accepted if the course was taken **Fall 2024** or later.

### I need to complete Civic Literacy while at FAU; what are my options?

- AMH2020 + state assessment
- POS2041 + state assessment
- AMH2010 (Fa24 or later) + state assessment
- CLEP exam in American Government (no state assessment required)
- CLEP exam in History of the U.S. 1 (must be passed in Fall 24 or later; no state assessment required)
- CLEP in History of the U.S. 2 + state assessment

### What state assessment do I need to take? How do I take it?

- **Started at FAU Summer 24 or Earlier:** Florida Civic Literacy Test (FCLT): [www.fau.edu/ugstudies/civic-literacy-prior/](http://www.fau.edu/ugstudies/civic-literacy-prior/)
- **Started at FAU Fall 24 or Later:** Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE): [www.fau.edu/testing/all-tests/civics-literacy/](http://www.fau.edu/testing/all-tests/civics-literacy/)  
*Important: The FCLE scores take two weeks to post; you must pass two weeks before you plan to declare your major.*

### How can I prepare for the state assessment?

FAU students are encouraged to view free video recordings covering topics you may find on the exam and practice questions to test yourself. [www.fau.edu/class/civic-literacy](http://www.fau.edu/class/civic-literacy).

### How can I prepare for the CLEP?

Information about the CLEP can be found by visiting [www.business.fau.edu/advising](http://www.business.fau.edu/advising), clicking "FAU Resource Index," and clicking [College Level Examination Program \(CLEP\)](#). The CLEP can only be taken **once every 90 days**. You must pass it before you can declare your major. Speak with your advisor about your deadline to declare your major.

### I am a second bachelor's student; do I need Civic Literacy?

Yes, unless you completed Civic Literacy as part of your first bachelor's degree. If you were exempt during your first bachelor's degree, you will need to complete Civic Literacy if you start at FAU in Fall 2025 or later.