

Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee

January 26, 2017 9:00 AM Mashburn Hall (306 HOB)

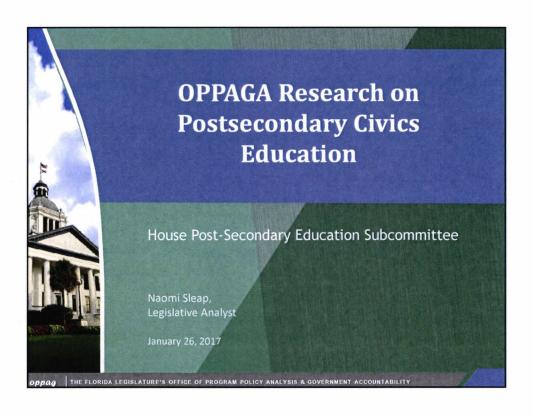
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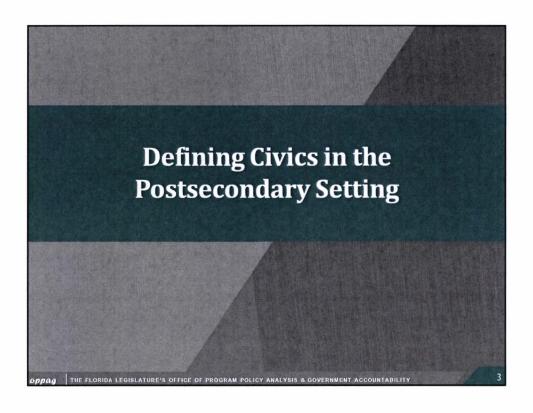
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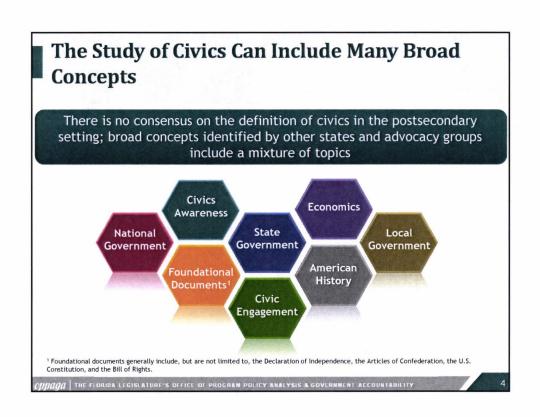
Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 306 HOB

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Presentations on Postsecondary Civics Education
 - Ms. Naomi Sleap Legislative Policy Analyst, Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
 - Dr. Susan Demers Florida College System Civics Literacy Initiative, St. Petersburg College
 - Dr. Julie Alexander Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Miami Dade College
 - Ms. Shelby Taylor Communications Director, Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida
- IV. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

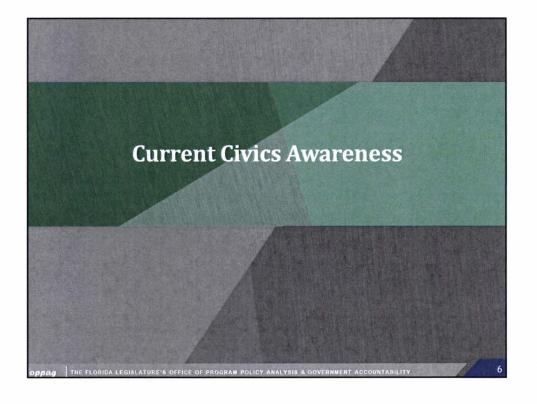


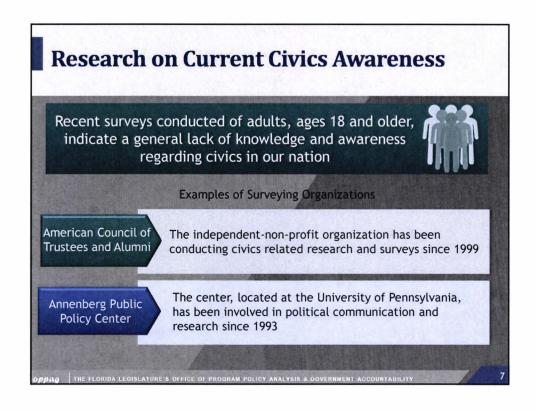


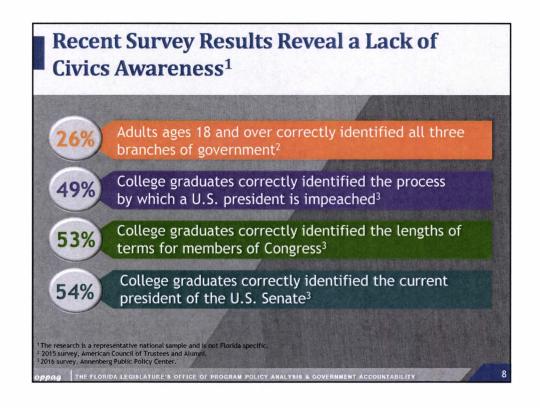


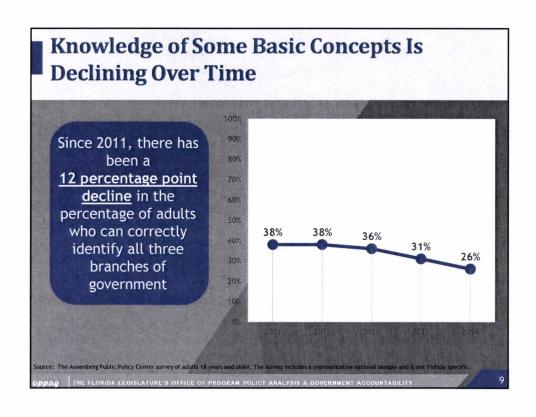


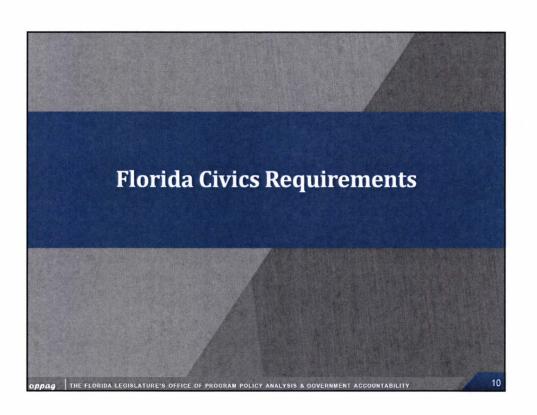












No Postsecondary Civics Requirements in Florida



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Florida Includes Civics Requirements in K-12

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Section 1003.4156(c), F.S., requires that once during middle grades 6, 7, or 8 students complete a one semester civics education course that includes

- · The roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments
- The structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government
- The meaning and significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States

The course is required for promotion and includes an end of course assessment

High School (Grades 9-12)

Section 1003.4282(3)(d), F.S., requires a student to earn three credits in social studies to be eligible for a standard high school diploma

- · One credit in U.S. History
- · One credit in World History
- · One-half credit in Economics
- · One-half credit in U.S. Government

Students must take a U.S. History end of course assessment

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Students Have Exposure to Civics in Florida's Postsecondary Institutions



Students across the Florida College System and State University System are offered opportunities to study civics through courses in their general education core curriculum¹, as well as in civics courses in specific programs of study

Students may also participate in civic awareness activities offered at the institution2

General Education Core Curriculum¹

The general education core includes 6 courses in the social sciences subject area. Students are required to complete at least 1 of the courses. 3 of the 6 courses cover civics-related topics:



AMH X0203 - American History: Introductory Survey Since 1877



ECO X0133 - Economics: Principles of Macroeconomics



POS X041³ - Political Science: American Government

The general education core required per s. 1007.25(3), F.S., and found in State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.0303 and Board of Governors Regulation 8.005. Activities vary by institution, see slide 18. The first digit of the course denotes the course level (freshman, sophomore, etc.) recommended by each institution, for example POS 1041 or POS 2041.

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What Percentage of Florida Students Took Any Civics-Related Course in 2014-15?

17% of all university undergraduates and 21% of all college students enrolled in credit-bearing courses took at least one civics-related course in 2014-151

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Related Courses, Civics-Related

Course(s), 17%

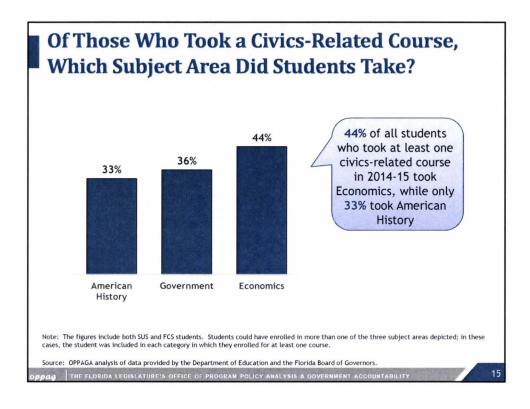
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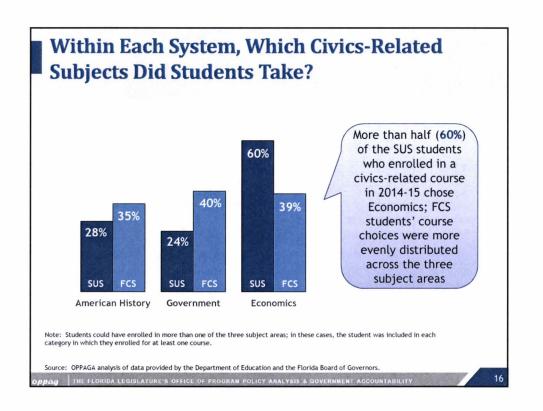
No Civics-Related Courses, Related

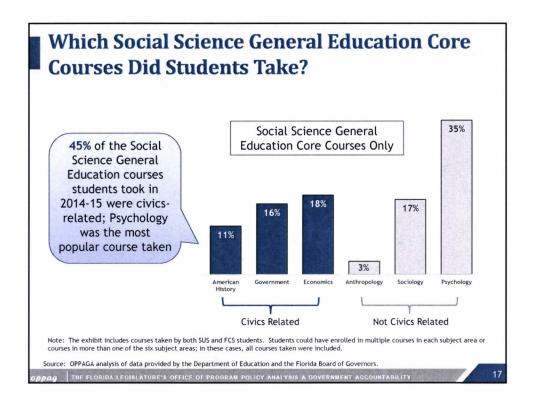
¹ Civics-related courses included 177 courses that focused on American and/or Florida History, Government, or Economics based on OPPAGA's review of course descriptions from Florida's Statewide Course Numbering System; 115 of these courses had enrollment in 2014-15. Students who enrolled in more than one of these courses were counted only once.

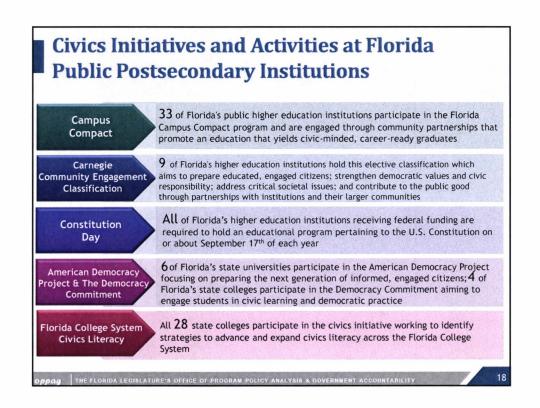
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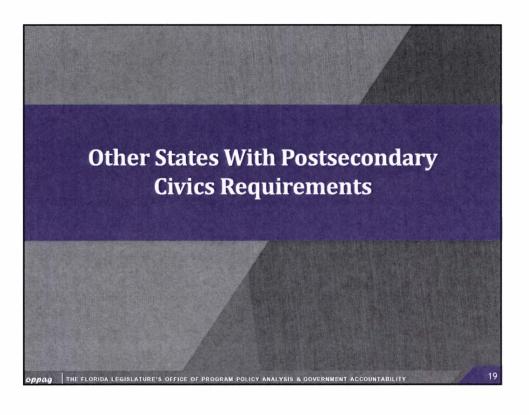
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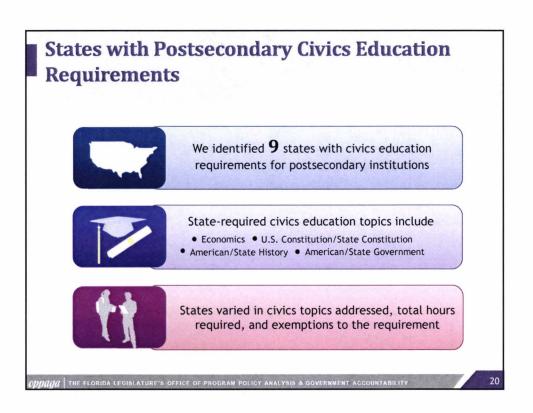




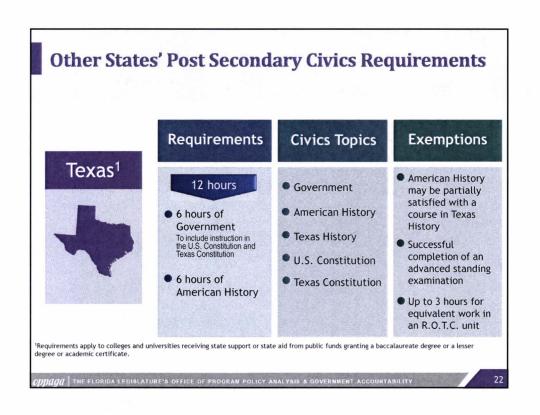


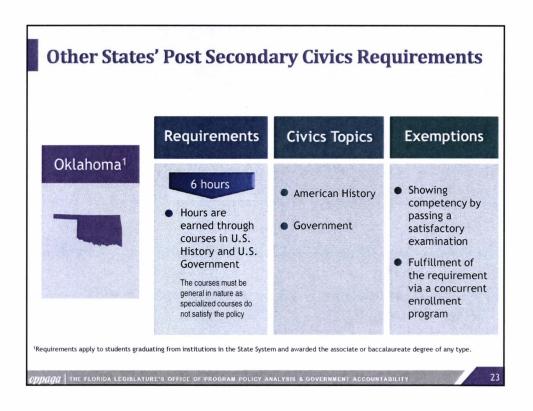


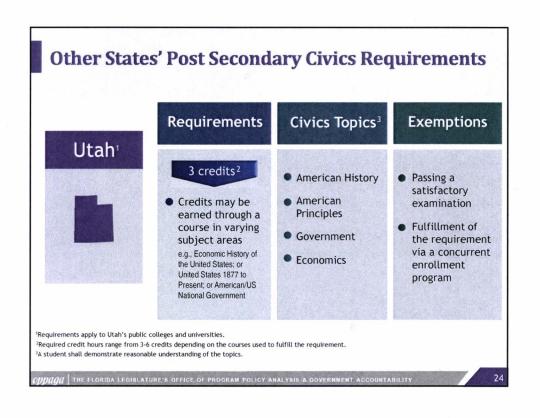




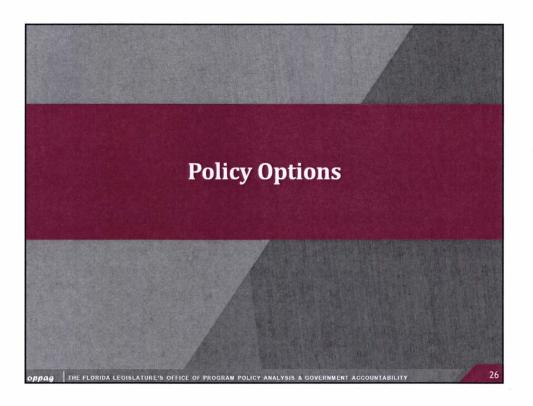
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Texas	0	0	0	9	
Oklahoma	0	0	0		
Utah	0	9	9		0
Arkansas		0	9		
California ³		0	9	0	
Georgia		0		9	
Massachusetts ⁴		0	9		
Missouri ⁵		9	9	9	
Nevada			0	0	



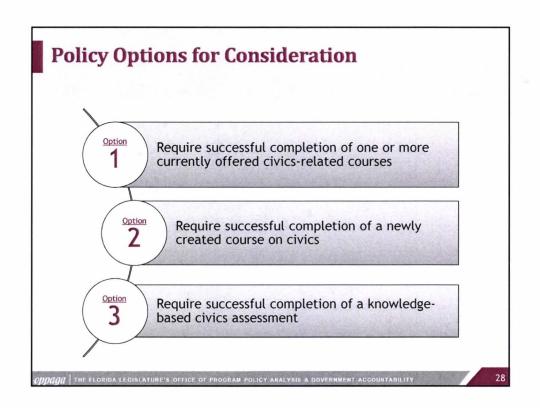




	Arkansas ²	California ³	Georgia ⁴	Massachusetts ⁵	Nevada ⁶
quirements	Pass a course in:	Complete courses in:	Receive instruction in:	Civic learning is an expected outcome for undergraduates	Receive instruction in:
vics Topics	American History Government	American History to include the U.S. Constitution Government to include state & local	American History Georgia History U.S. Constitution Georgia Constitution	American History Government	U.S. Constitution Nevada Constitution
xemptions	Institutional-level exemptions may apply	Passing comprehensive examinations in the civics topics	Passing a satisfactory examination Completion of an institution designed assessment for Georgia civics topics	Campuses should engender civics through academic coursework, co-curricular activities, and off-campus civic engagement	Institutional-level exemptions may apply
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Option 1: Require Successful Completion of One or More Currently Offered Civics-Related Courses

- Students would earn civics-related credit without the development of a new course
- ☐ Current civics-related general education core courses:
 - American History (AMH X020), Economics (ECO X013), American Government (POS X041)
 - Institutions could identify other civics-related courses offered in their curriculum as well
- ☐ Selected course(s) might not cover all civics issues and the option might reduce students' ability to take other courses considered important to their general education
- ☐ States that implemented similar civics policies include: Arkansas, California, Georgia, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah

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Option 2: Require Successful Completion of a Newly Created Course on Civics

- Students would earn civics related credit via the development of a new comprehensive civics course
- ☐ A comprehensive civics course could include the study of:
 - · U.S. History, American Government, and the American Economy
 - · Florida-specific civics topics
- ☐ Consensus on the civics topics to include and instructional staff to teach the new course may present challenges, and the option might reduce students' abilities to take other course offerings
- ☐ We did not identify any states that specifically mentioned the creation of a new comprehensive civics course to meet their requirements¹

¹ Brigham Young University, a private postsecondary institution in Utah, offers an American Heritage course, which draws from three disciplines: political science, economics, and history.

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Option 3: Require Successful Completion of a Knowledge-Based Civics Assessment

- ☐ Students would complete a knowledge-based civics assessment
- ☐ The civics assessment might include an off-the-shelf exam (such as the U.S. Citizenship Test) or a newly developed assessment
- ☐ Requires no changes to current course requirements; however, consensus on the assessment and specific civics topics to include might be challenging, and students might have difficulty attaining the civics knowledge on their own
- We did not identify any states that exclusively utilized a knowledge-based civics assessment requirement; however, several states such as California, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah use an examination to allow students to be exempt from the requirement

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Civics Education in Florida

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SPC: Who Are Our Students?

- ▶ 53.9% are 25 or older
- ▶ Average age of our AA students is 25.3
- Average age of our AS students is 32
- ▶ Average age of Baccalaureate students is 34.4
- ▶ 60% are female
- ▶ 64.4% are white
- ▶ 12.8% are African-American
- ▶ 12.5% are Hispanic
- ▶ 74.1% are part-time
- ▶ 25.9% are full-time
- ▶ Average student load is 8.5 credit hours.

What makes up Civics Education?

- Foundational Content Knowledge
 - ▶ Foundations of democracy
 - Historical context
 - Government structure and institutions
 - Constitutional constructs
 - ▶ Landmark Supreme Court cases
 - Understanding of community institutions
 - Political, economic, and geographic knowledge
 - Understanding of the relationships between governmental entities
 - Understanding of the relationship between government and community institutions

What makes up Civics Education?

Development of Cognitive and Reasoning Skills

- Ability to build a logical argument (oral and written)
- ▶ Ability to engage in persuasion or debate
- ▶ Ability to recognize multiple points of view
- Ability to evaluate information
- Ability to recognize and account for bias
- Ability to draw conclusions based on evidence
- ▶ Ability to make a decision
- ▶ Ability to analyze and synthesize

What makes up Civics Education?

- ▶ Participation Skills
 - ▶ Communication skills
 - ▶ Formal debate skills
 - Consensus-building and compromise
 - Simulations of institutional processes (e.g. Mock Trial, Mock Congressional Hearings)
 - Student voice (school and/or local governance)
 - Volunteerism
 - ▶ Leadership skills
 - ▶ Team skills
 - ▶ Project management skills

The Florida College System Civics Literacy Initiative

▶ History

- Florida College System Council of Presidents acknowledged that the decline of Civics Education and public engagement in the nation's democratic process represents a national crisis.
- They also recognized that research shows a link between academic performance and civic engagement.

The Florida College System Civics Literacy Initiative

- Key partners include The Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at SPC, the Florida Department of Education Office of Student and Academic Success, the Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida; the Lou Frey Institute of Politics and Government at the University of Central Florida; the Education Commission of the States, and the Florida College System Council of Presidents.
- Closing the Civics Education Gap Conference was held to address these issues in April 2013 and October 2015. Collaborative workshops were held at St. Petersburg College for key stakeholders to identify strategies for "Closing the Gap" and "Raising the Bar" in Civics Education.

Civic Initiative Key Strategies

- ✓ Coordinate civic activities at each institution
- ✓ Integrate civics-related activities across the curriculum
- Promote traditional campus civics tools such as debate, guest speakers, model legislature, clubs and student government
- Encourage students, faculty & staff to serve local governments and businesses in the area of their own specialization
- ✓ Adopt TurboVote in the Florida College System
- ✓ Integrate Service Learning teaching pedagogy across disciplines

Example: SPC's Center for Civic Learning & Community Engagement

The Center coordinated 96 service learning classes which engaged 1584 participants who volunteered 26,222 hours in our community.

523 local governmental, non-profit and business partners worked with us on projects which converted our neighborhood into our classroom.

The resulting estimated economic impact on Pinellas County was \$617,790.

Sample: SPC Partners in Civic Engagement

- Academy Prep
- ▶ American Red Cross
- ▶ AMI Kids Pinellas
- ▶ Big Brothers Big Sisters
- ▶ City of St. Petersburg Police Department
- ► Clearwater Free Clinic
- ▶ Clearwater Marine Aquarium
- ▶ Edible Peach Patch Project
- ▶ Florida Craftsmen
- ► Florida Fish and Wildlife
- Friends of Strays
- ▶ Goodwill Industries
- Gulfcoast Legal Services

Our contract with our partners-

In order for a service learning project to be successful, it must yield benefits to both the local partner and to our students. Just as in any contract, clear expectations on the part of each party is essential. This gives students a first hand view of the creation and fulfillment of a contract.

The final step for students is to reflect on what they learned and how they might apply this in the future. Many students use these experiences on their resume.

The real benefit to students: Civic engagement creates student engagement.

SPC students who participated in civic engagement activities achieved student success (A, B, or C in their classes) at a **7% higher rate** than students who did not engage in these activities.

Civic Opportunities & Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes: To be engaged & contribute to the civic development of your community on a local, state or federal level

Course Assignments:

- ✓ Attend city council, planning council, county government meetings and draft a response or comment
- Serve on local organization's working group assessing and addressing needs
 - ✓ Coral Reef Restoration Project
 - ✓ Chamber of Commerce Working Groups

Civic Opportunities & Learning Outcomes

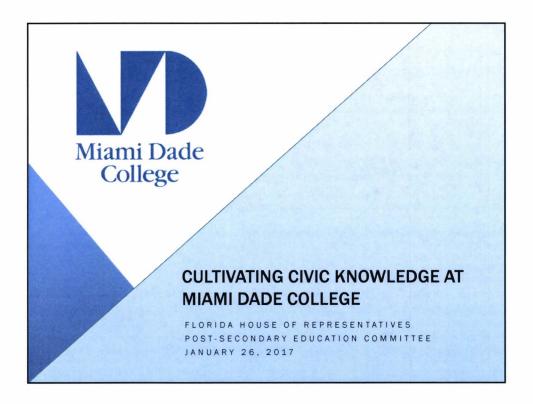
- Volunteer and contribute time and talent to local organizations.
 - √ St.Petersburg Free Clinic
 - √ K-12 Mentoring & Tutoring Project (public and charter schools)
 - ✓ Safe Harbor Mental Health Project
 - ✓ MIRA Community Arts music program
 - ✓ Park or beach clean-ups
 - Habitat for Humanity construction projects

Sample SPC civic engagement activities

- Dental hygiene students conducting workshops in schools on dental health
- ▶ Legal Studies students participated in legal workshops in cooperation with the local bar associations which offer pro bono legal service to students and community members
- Math students working with local food pantries to develop needs assessments
- ▶ Non-profit pitch contest which trains students on the requirements to create and run a non-profit entity

Sample SPC extracurricular projects

- ▶ SPC students develop and volunteer for the Pinellas County High School and Middle School Model UN programs
- ► SPC students develop and volunteer for the Pinellas County High School Ethics Bowl
- ▶ Partnership between student services and civic leads encourages students to use volunteer opportunities for career exploration.
- Student ambassadors tutoring those preparing for the U.S. citizenship test.



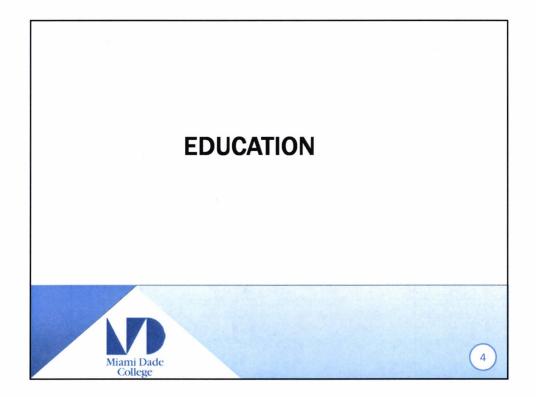
MDC MISSION

As democracy's college, Miami Dade College changes lives through accessible, high-quality teaching and learning experiences. The College embraces its responsibility to serve as an economic, cultural and civic leader for the advancement of our diverse global community.



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EDUCATION EXPOSURE EXPERIENCE



GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

As graduates of Miami Dade College, students will be able to:

- · Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- · Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data.
- · Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning.
- · Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information.
- · Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives.
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities.
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society.
- · Use computer and emerging technologies effectively.
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities.
- · Describe how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans on the environment.



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IN THE CLASSROOM

POS 2041 American Federal Government

The American Constitution and its development, the organization and functions of the national government, political parties and the electoral process, and the relationship of the individual to the federal government.

- Satisfies General Education Core requirement
- 120 class sections offered this spring
- 1,167 students currently enrolled



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EXPOSURE





EVENTS

- Violence in America: National Security vs. Individual Privacy (Presenters from the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- Literacy Contest: Poverty in the Hispanic Community
- Voter Registration Awareness Campaign
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (Presenters from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Office)
- Reducing Violence in Our Neighborhoods (Panel Presentation including MDC Faculty, Miami Dade County Public Schools, Community Members, Students)
- Democratic and Republican Presidential Debates
- King of Spain Visit
- · Community Health Fair





EXPERIENCE





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Academic Service-Learning

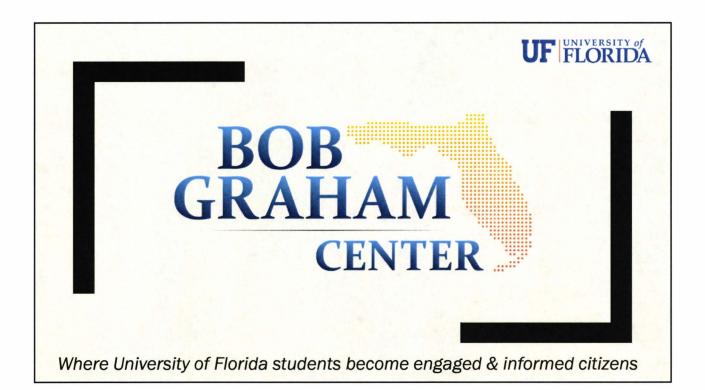
Designed to enrich the learning experience and teach civic responsibility. Academic service-learning requires students to apply what they learn in the classroom and to reflect on their experiences.

- · Course-based, faculty guided
- · Students actively engaged in community
- Contributes to retention, completion and job readiness
- In 2015-16
 - · More than 270 faculty and 980 class sections
 - · Nearly 7,500 students
 - 174,000 hours of service to the community





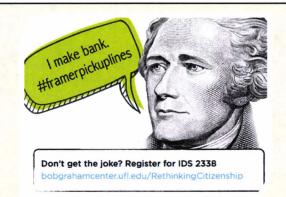




Online Civics Course Knowledge, skills and dispositions



- Award-winning online civics course
- UF, UF Online and Dual Enrollment
- Interdisciplinary studies; 3 Social Science credits
- Traditional civic literacy content with experiential learning components Missions and Challenges
- Examples: attend a campus meeting, local government hearing or event with an unfamiliar population



Research Self-directed inquiry

- Bob Graham Civic Scholars
 - County-level research
 - In-depth interviews with government and non-government officials
 - Culminating roundtable discussion between students
- Askew Scholars (Sophomore Cohort)
 - Required public policy, leadership development and ethics courses
 - Work under a faculty mentor to prepare a civic research project for publication
 - Attend (2) Graham Center public lectures



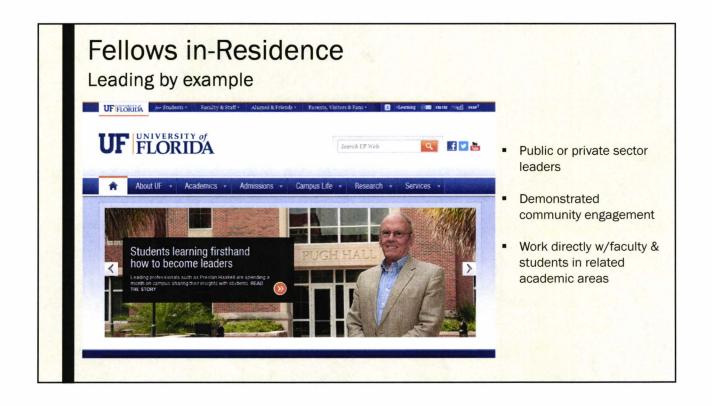
Internships Experiential and applied learning

- Tallahassee Internship
 - Take a course in Florida politics and attend seminars featuring policymakers
- Local Government Internship
 - Summer internship program in city and county management offices across the state
- Virtual Internship
 - Removes the financial and geographic barriers of the traditional internship



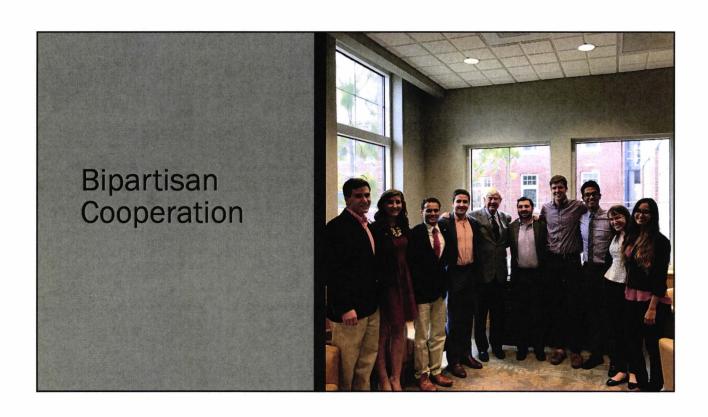


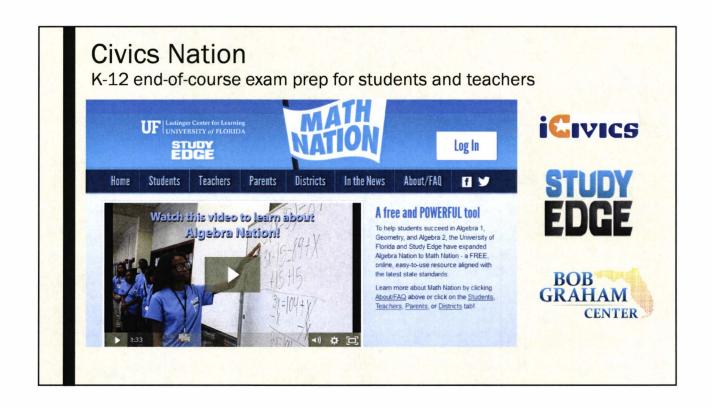




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