

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

**DATE: November 9, 2023**

**REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.005 General Education Core Course Options**

**SUMMARY:**

During the 2023 session, the legislature passed Senate Bill 266, which was signed into law on May 15, 2023. The law modifies section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, to require faculty committees appointed by the State Board of Education and Board of Governors to review and recommend changes to the general education core course options. The review must be completed by July 1, 2024, and every four years thereafter.

Recommended changes to the core course options must be approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), the State Board of Education, and the Board of Governors. The law also establishes section 1007.55, Florida Statutes, to specify general education course principles, standards, and content.

To implement the law, the State Board of Education and Board of Governors appointed faculty to discipline committees to review the current general education core courses, content, and descriptions for compliance with sections 1007.25 and 1007.55, Florida Statutes. These committees met in late August to discuss the requirements for the core courses. The committees attended a face-to-face meeting in St. Petersburg on September 14, 2023, to review the core course options and draft recommendations for changes. The committees also reviewed and made recommendations to the course descriptions of the core courses and proposed learning outcomes for the Statewide Course Numbering System. The recommendations from the faculty committees were published for public comment. The faculty committees reconvened on October 4, 2023, to review the public comment and to finalize recommendations. One committee convened once more on October 13, 2023, to review an additional core course for social sciences. The ACC approved the recommended list of general education core courses on October 13, 2023.

Board staff propose an amendment to Regulation 8.005, General Education Core Course Options, to align with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, and the establishment of section 1007.55, Florida Statutes. The proposed amendment includes revising the general education core course options to align with the list approved by the ACC on October 13, 2023, and under consideration for approval by the Board of Governors and



## 8.005 General Education Core Course Options.

(1) General education core courses. Courses listed in this subsection implement the required principles, standards, and content in accordance with section 1007.55, Florida Statutes. Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, a student entering a state university as a first-time-in-college student in the fall term 2015 and thereafter must complete at least one course from each of the general education subject areas listed in this section. ~~These courses comprise the general education core as required per section 1007.25(3), Florida Statutes. The remaining courses and credits that will fulfill the total 36-hour general education requirement are at the discretion of the state university. Completing the general education core and remaining university-specified general education courses are required to complete an undergraduate degree.~~

(a) ~~Complete one of the following courses in Communication:~~

1. ENC X101 English Composition I;

3. BSC X010 General Biology I; or
4. BSC X085 Anatomy and Physiology I; or
5. CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies; or
6. CHM X045 General Chemistry I; or
7. ESC X000 Introduction to Earth Science; or
8. EVR X001 Introduction to Environmental Science; or
9. GLY X001 Introduction to Geology;
10. OCE X001 Introduction to Oceanography;
11. PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics; or
12. PHY X048 General Physics with Calculus; or
13. PHY X053 General Physics I; or
14. A natural science course for which one of the above general education core course options in Natural Sciences is a direct prerequisite.

(f) ~~Complete one of the following courses in Social Sciences:~~

1. AMH X010 Introductory Survey to 1877;
2. AMH X020 Introductory Survey Since 1877; or
3. ANT X000 Introduction to Anthropology; or
4. ECO X013 Macroeconomics; or
5. POS X041 American Government; or
6. PSY X012 Introduction to Psychology; or
7. SYG X000 Principles of Sociology.

(2) ~~A student who transfers into a state university or between state universities shall~~

requirements upon transfer, regardless of whether the receiving institution offers identical general education core courses.

(e) An institution receiving a student in transfer may not require the student to complete an additional course to meet a subject area requirement in subsection (1) that was completed by the student at a Florida College System institution or State University System institution with a course that has since been removed by the receiving institution as a general education core course.

(3)

statewide data elements required in section 1007.55, Florida Statutes, no later than December 1 of each year.

(d) Beginning December 2024, and each year after, using the criteria for general education course standards, principles, and content listed in section 1007.55, Florida Statute, the Board of Governors will approve or reject each institution's list of general education course offerings.

1. If the Board of Governors