



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPROVAL OF THE CIVIC LITERACY COURSE EXEMPTION CONDITIONS

RESOLUTION 26-XX

WHEREAS, Section 3345.382(D)(3) of the Revised Code requires each state institution of higher education to adopt a resolution specifying the conditions under which the institution's president, or their designee, may exempt a student from the Civic Literacy course requirement; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University reaffirms its commitment to implementing the Civic Literacy requirement in accordance with state law and the directives of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University American Civic Literacy Plan, including exemption conditions for the Civic Literacy course requirement, as submitted to this meeting is hereby approved and shall be codified in the University's policy register; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution and adopted policy to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Wright State University American Civic Literacy Plan

I. Overview

In compliance with ORC Section 3345.382, Wright State University will implement a required course in American Civic Literacy for all students graduating with a bachelor's degree in or after the Spring semester of the 2029–2030 academic year. The course will be part of the Wright State Core general education curriculum and will include a cumulative final examination assessing student proficiency in foundational American documents.

II. Course Design and Content

The Civic Literacy course will:

- Be a 3-credit hour course.
- Include study of the following documents as required by ORC 3345.382(B):
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - The United States Constitution
 - Selected Federalist Papers
 - The Emancipation Proclamation
 - The Gettysburg Address
 - Letter from Birmingham Jail
 - Selected writings of Adam Smith

III. Curriculum Placement

The course will be embedded within the Wright State Core (General Education Program).

It will be offered across multiple semesters, including summer, to ensure accessibility for all students.

IV. Implementation Timeline

1. Fall 2025: Pilot course launched.
2. Spring 2026: Revised course offered based on pilot feedback.
3. Fall 2026 onward: Full implementation with multiple sections available each semester.
4. Spring 2030: First cohort required to complete the course prior to graduation.

V. Student Success Plan

- Students must earn a minimum score of 60% on the cumulative final exam.
- Students who do not pass the exam will be allowed one retake.
- If unsuccessful on the retake, students must re-enroll in the course for credit.

VI. Exemption Policy

Per ORC 3345.382(D)(3), Wright State University will allow exemptions under the following conditions:

Exemption Conditions

The President or designee may exempt a student from the Civic Literacy course requirement if the student has successfully completed:

- Has successfully completed WSU's LA 1020 in Fall 2025 or after, provided the course includes substantive coverage of the documents listed in ORC Section 3345.382(B)(1) through (7). Or,
- At least three (3) credit hours, or the equivalent, in a college-level course in the subject area of American history or American government, provided that:
 - The course includes substantive study of the documents listed in ORC Section 3345.382(B)(1) through (7), specifically:
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - The United States Constitution
 - The Federalist Papers (selected essays)
 - The Emancipation Proclamation
 - The Gettysburg Address
 - Letter from Birmingham Jail
 - Selected writings of Adam Smith

Exemption Process

- Students must submit documentation (e.g., transcript, syllabus, AP score report) to the Office of the Provost.
- The Provost or designee will review and determine eligibility.
- Approved exemptions will be recorded in the student's academic record.

VII. Reporting and Compliance

The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 25-54 on June 20, 2025, affirming the university's commitment to implementing the Civic Literacy requirement.

Wright State University will submit the signed Request for Approval form and exemption resolution to the Ohio Department of Higher Education by November 21, 2025.

The university will maintain records of student completion and exemptions in accordance with ODHE reporting requirements.