

Civics Literacy Proficiency Requirement

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The Civics Literacy Proficiency activities are designed to develop the civic knowledge of Purdue Fort Wayne students in an effort to graduate a more informed citizenry.

The civics literacy program is a graduation requirement for all undergraduate students beginning with the fall of 2022.

To obtain civic literacy proficiency, students will pass PFW's Civics knowledge test, **AND** complete an educational activity as part of the chosen Civics Literacy Pathway. At PFW, there are two pathway options:

Option 1: *Civics Events and/or Recordings Pathway*

- Attend and/or listen to four approved civics related events or recordings. A list of approved events and recordings will be provided to students.
- Pass the required civics knowledge test (through Brightspace)

Option 2: *Approved Course Pathway*

- Earn a passing grade in one of these approved courses:
 - ✓ **COM 21000 Debating Public Issues (GE B6)**
 - ✓ COM 31200 Rhetoric in the Western World
 - ✓ **HIST 10501 American History 1 (GE B6)**
 - ✓ **HIST 10601 American History 2 (GE B6)**
 - ✓ **POL 10300 Introduction to American Politics (GE B5)**
 - ✓ POL 21100 Introduction to Law
 - ✓ **POL 21200 Making Democracy Work (GE B5)**
- Pass the required civics knowledge test (through Brightspace)

Note:

- COM 21000, HIST 10501, HIST 10601 can also be used as General Education B6.
- POL 10300, POL 21200 can be also used as General Education B5.
- For General Education classes, a grade C- or above is considered as "Passing" grade.
- Students who need to meet this requirement have been enrolled in the Civics Literacy Brightspace course. This site contains all the information they need to take the Purdue Civics Knowledge Test, view the list of approved courses, listen to recordings, and learn about dates for on-campus events.
- Any faculty or staff member who would like to know what questions are asked on the civics knowledge test can contact Fred Duttlinger, assistant director of civics literacy at Purdue University, (fduttlin@purdue.edu) to request access.
- If you have any questions about the civics literacy requirements, contact Stacy Betz, director of civics literacy at Purdue Fort Wayne, at betzs@pfw.edu.