

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to postsecondary general education  
 3           courses; amending s. 1007.25, F.S.; requiring that  
 4           general education courses at the lower-division level  
 5           include a specified number of semester hours of United  
 6           States history; providing an effective date.

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 8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10           Section 1. Subsections (6), (7), (8), and (10) of section  
 11   1007.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12           1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites;  
 13   other degree requirements.—

14           (6) The universities and Florida College System  
 15   institutions shall work with their school districts to ensure  
 16   that high school curricula coordinate with the general education  
 17   curricula and to prepare students for college-level work.  
 18   General education curricula for associate in arts programs shall  
 19   be identified by each institution and, beginning with students  
 20   initially entering a Florida College System institution or state  
 21   university in 2014-2015 and thereafter, shall include 30  
 22   semester hours in the subject areas of communication,  
 23   mathematics, ~~social sciences,~~ humanities, ~~and~~ natural sciences,  
 24   and social sciences, including 6 semester hours of United States  
 25   history at the lower-division level.

26           (7) An associate in arts degree shall require no more than  
 27   60 semester hours of college credit and, beginning with students  
 28   initially entering a Florida College System institution or state

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29 university in 2014-2015 and thereafter, include 30 semester  
30 hours of general education coursework, including 6 semester  
31 hours of United States history at the lower-division level, and  
32 demonstration of competency in a foreign language pursuant to s.  
33 1007.262. Except for college-preparatory coursework required  
34 pursuant to s. 1008.30, all required coursework shall count  
35 toward the associate in arts degree or the baccalaureate degree.

36 (8) A baccalaureate degree program shall require no more  
37 than 120 semester hours of college credit and, beginning with  
38 students initially entering a Florida College System institution  
39 or state university in 2014-2015 and thereafter, include 30  
40 semester hours of general education coursework, including 6  
41 semester hours of United States history at the lower-division  
42 level, unless prior approval has been granted by the Board of  
43 Governors for baccalaureate degree programs offered by state  
44 universities and by the State Board of Education for  
45 baccalaureate degree programs offered by Florida College System  
46 institutions.

47 (10) Students at state universities may request associate  
48 in arts certificates if they have successfully completed the  
49 minimum requirements for the degree of associate in arts (A.A.).  
50 The university must grant the student an associate in arts  
51 degree if the student has successfully completed minimum  
52 requirements for college-level communication and computation  
53 skills adopted by the State Board of Education and 60 academic  
54 semester hours or the equivalent within a degree program area  
55 and, beginning with students initially entering a Florida  
56 College System institution or state university in 2014-2015 and

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57 | thereafter, include 30 semester hours in general education  
58 | courses in the subject areas of communication, mathematics,  
59 | ~~social sciences,~~ humanities, ~~and~~ natural sciences, and social  
60 | sciences, including 6 semester hours of United States history at  
61 | the lower-division level, consistent with the general education  
62 | requirements specified in the articulation agreement pursuant to  
63 | s. 1007.23.

64 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.