Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam

Student Notification on How MSSU Delivers the Exam

CIVX 100 Blackboard Resource Course (Zero Credit, Zero Fee)

Missouri Senate Bill 807, Section 170.013, requires all public colleges and universities to administer a civics exam to students as a requirement for graduation. This law went into effect on August 28, 2018, and applies to the incoming class of first-time college students in the fall of 2019 and all students who come after them.

According to the law, students must score at least 70 percent on the examination before they can graduate. If they score lower, then they can retake the exam. To help students score 70 percent or better, MSSU created a CIVX 100 resource course that resides in Blackboard. At the beginning of each semester, incoming freshmen and students who have not passed the test in prior semesters will be enrolled in the CIVX 100 Blackboard resource course in which the Civics Exam will reside. Students will have to pass the exam with a minimum of 70 percent, or they will be re-enrolled the following semester if enrolled in other classes. When they earn 70 percent on the exam, they will receive notification that they have met the Civics Exam requirement, and they will not be enrolled in the resource course the following semester.

The CIVX 100 resource course has eight modules based on subject matters including the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights and other areas of government and history. Each module consists of:

- instructional videos with interactive quizzes to engage the student with the material delivered on each subject on the exam.
- engagement activities to support the material being presented (example: interactive maps, matching exercises, hotspots, ordering)
- library resources to enhance the Civics curriculum material (example: primary documents, government websites and resources)

The CIVX 100 resource course (which includes the Civics Exam) will be a **zero-credit, no-fee resource course on Blackboard.** It is a state mandated requirement for graduation and will be listed on the Degree Works as a degree requirement. When the student attains 70 percent or greater on the exam, completion will be posted on their Academic Transcript and Degree Works audit.

General questions regarding Civics Test Requirement? Contact Registrar at registrar@mssu.edu, 417-625-9389

Questions regarding Civics Resource Course on Blackboard? Contact Instructor Ms. Diana Fordham at Fordham-d@mssu.edu, 417-625-3507