Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination FAQ's

1. What is the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Exam?

A new Missouri law requires all public colleges and universities to administer a civics exam to students as a requirement for graduation. This law is part of Senate Bill 807, Section 170.013, which went into effect on August 28, 2018.

2. What type of content does the exam cover?

The provisions and principles of American civics. The exam shall be similar to the one hundred questions administered to applicants for United States citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services division of the Department of Homeland Security.

3. Are all students required to take this exam?

Any student entering a public institution of higher education for the first time after July 2019 who is pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree from such institution shall successfully pass an examination. Non-degree students and students who are seeking a certificate only are not required to take the exam.

4. What score does a student need to pass the exam?

A score of seventy percent or greater.

5. How will MSSU students take the exam?

At the beginning of each fall and spring semester, each incoming first-time freshman who is pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree and who has already enrolled in at least one MSSU course will be automatically enrolled into a 16-week course in which the civics exam resides. The course (CIVX 0100) is a Resource Course, which along with the exam, is delivered online through Blackboard. CIVX 0100 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)

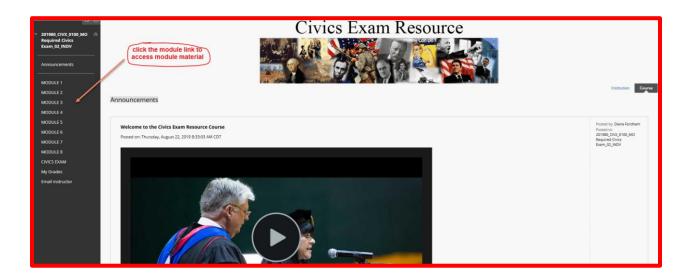
The course is intended to adequately prepare the students to pass the exam.

6. What does the course (CIVX 0100) look like in Blackboard?

Upon logging in to Blackboard, students will see a landing page. In the "My Courses" column on the right, CIVX 0100 is included in the list of enrolled courses.







7. Are multiple attempts allowed?

Yes, students may take the exam as many times as they want. The course is still available until the exam has been passed.

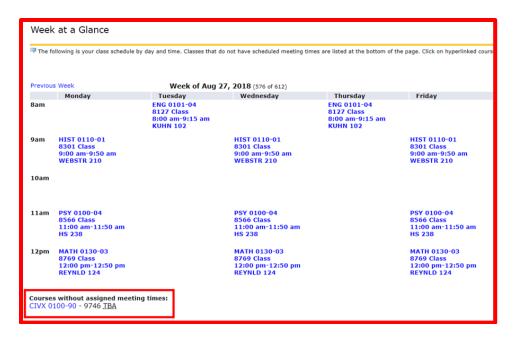
8. Is there a fee for taking the exam?

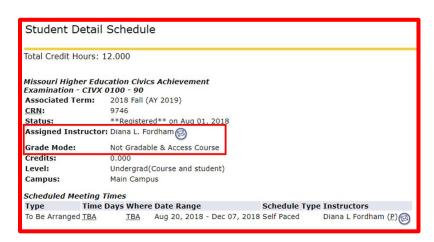
No, there are no tuition charges or fees associated with the exam or CIVX 0100.

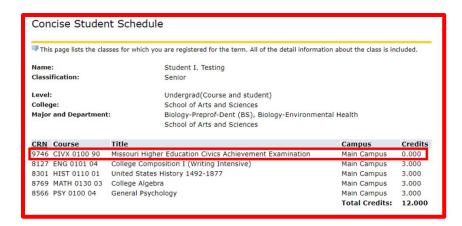
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- 9. Is there a letter grade associated with CIVX 0100? *No, the course is marked as "Non Gradable."*
- 10. Are there any credit hours associated with CIVX 0100? *No, the course is a zero credit course.*
- 11. Will students be able to see CIVX 0100 in Lionet?

Yes, the course will show on the "Week at a Glance" class schedule, "Student Detail Schedule," and "Concise Student Schedule."

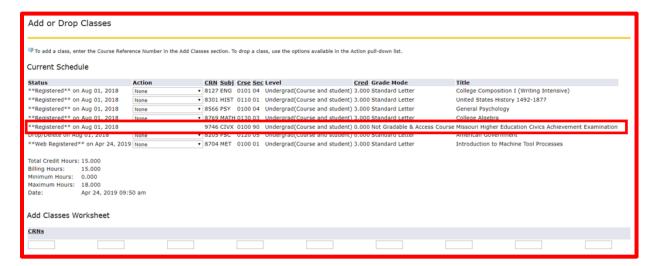






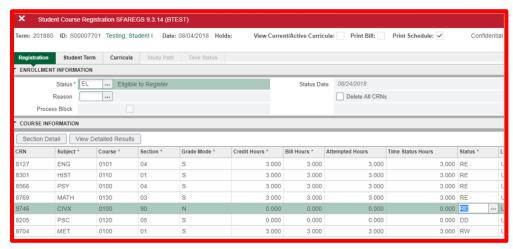
12. Can CIVX 0100 be dropped through Lionet?

No, the course cannot be dropped through Lionet.



13. Can CIVX 0100 be dropped through Internet Native Banner (INB)?

Yes, but individuals with INB access should <u>not</u> drop students from the course.

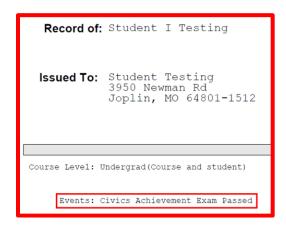


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- 14. Are students who pass the exam at MSSU able to "transfer" the exam to other institutions? Yes, MSSU will post on the student's transcript that the exam has been passed. Other Missouri public institutions are required to recognize that the student has passed the exam.
- 15. Does CIVX 0100 appear on the student's academic transcript?

 No, the course itself does not appear on the official or unofficial transcript while the student is enrolled in it. However, when the student passes the exam a notation will be made on the official transcript.
- 16. For students who pass the exam, what notation will be made on their MSSU official transcript?

Exam completion will be recorded on MSSU transcripts as a transcript event.



17. For transfer students whose transcripts from other institutions indicate that they have passed the exam, how will their records at MSSU be updated to show that the requirement has been met?

During the transcript review process, the Office of the Registrar will enter a test score in Banner. This test score will feed into Degree Works and complete the requirement. A notation is <u>not</u> made on the MSSU transcript for students who pass the exam at another institution.

18. What happens when a student passes the exam at MSSU?

At the end of the semester in which the student passes the exam, the student's passing score will be loaded into Banner. This score will feed into Degree Works and complete the requirement. A notation will also be made on the student's MSSU transcript. Note: students who pass the exam early in the semester will have to wait until the semester has ended and grades have posted before Banner, Degree Works, and the transcript are updated. Students will, however, be informed in Blackboard immediately after passing the exam that it has been passed.

19. What happens when a student does not attempt the exam or does not pass the exam within the 16-weeks?

At the beginning of the next fall or spring semester, the student will automatically be re-enrolled into CIVX 0100 as long as the student has already enrolled in at least one MSSU course.

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20. Are students able to take the exam during Christmas break? How about the break between spring and summer semesters?

CIVX 0100 follows the begin and end dates for each fall and spring semester. After the last day of the semester, if the exam was not passed the student will no longer have access to CIVX 0100. At the beginning of the next fall or spring semester, the student will automatically be re-enrolled into CIVX 0100 as long as the student has already enrolled in at least one MSSU course.

- 21. Are students able to take the exam during the summer semester? Students are not automatically enrolled into CIVX 0100 for summer. If a student wishes to take the exam during the summer, the student can email the request along with his or her name and ID number to registrar@mssu.edu. As long as the student is not a first-time freshman, the student will be enrolled into CIVX 0100. Students may request enrollment into CIVX 0100 during the summer regardless of their enrollment in summer classes.
- 22. What happens when a student is admitted as a non-degree seeking student then becomes degree seeking later in the same semester?

Because the automatic enrollment process which runs at the beginning of the semester applies only to degree-seeking students, the student will not be enrolled into CIVX 0100. The student will be automatically enrolled into CIVX 0100 at the beginning of the next semester as long as the student has already enrolled in at least one MSSU course.

23. What happens when a student is degree seeking at the beginning of a semester then becomes non-degree seeking later in the same semester?

Because the automatic enrollment process which runs at the beginning of the semester applies to degree-seeking students, the student will be enrolled into CIVX 0100. The student will not be dropped from CIVX 0100 when he or she becomes non-degree seeking. The student will not be enrolled into CIVX 0100 at the beginning of the next semester.

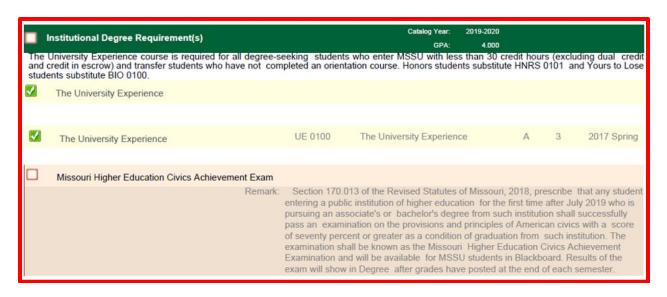
24. What happens when a student who is seeking only a certificate declares an associate's or bachelor's degree later in the same semester?

Because the automatic enrollment process which runs at the beginning of the semester applies only to students seeking an associate's or bachelor's degree, the student will not be enrolled into CIVX 0100. The student will be automatically enrolled into CIVX 0100 at the beginning of the next semester as long as the student has already enrolled in at least one MSSU course.

25. What happens when a student is seeking an associate's or bachelor's degree at the beginning of a semester then decides to seek only a certificate later in the same semester? Because the automatic enrollment process which runs at the beginning of the semester applies only to students seeking an associate's or bachelor's, the student will be enrolled into CIVX 0100. The student will not be dropped from CIVX 0100 when he or she drops the associate's or bachelor's degree. The student will not be automatically enrolled into CIVX 0100 at the beginning of the next semester.

- 26. What happens when a student is dropped from classes due to non-attendance? Non-attendance rosters come in one by one to the Office of the Registrar and typically students are dropped one course at a time. If a student's last class is CIVX 0100, the staff member performing the drop will also drop the student from CIVX 0100.
- 27. What happens when a student withdraws from all classes? Because scores on the exam are not collected from Blackboard until the end of the semester, withdrawing a student who has completed the exam would result in the exam being lost. Office of the Registrar staff will check to see if the student has completed the exam before processing the withdrawal.
- 28. Will students be dropped from CIVX 0100 as part of the Enrollment Confirmation process? Yes, when drops are performed as part of Enrollment Confirmation, students will also be dropped from CIVX 0100.
- 29. What happens when a student is enrolled in CIVX 0100 at the beginning of a semester then a transcript is received from another institution showing that the student has completed the exam? The student will be dropped from CIVX 0100 and the appropriate test score which feeds into Degree Works will be entered on the student's record.
- 30. How is this new requirement being communicated to students? Information about the exam is presented at Southern Welcome, in the UE 0100 course, and in Roary's Guide. Students will receive an email reminder at the beginning of the semester.
- 31. For students who are required to take the exam but have not yet completed it, what will they see in Degree Works?

Information about the exam will be shown in the Institutional Degree Requirement(s) section. CIVX 0100 will <u>not</u> show in Degree Works. Note: the civics exam requirement will not appear for newly admitted degree seeking first-time freshmen until the beginning of each semester.

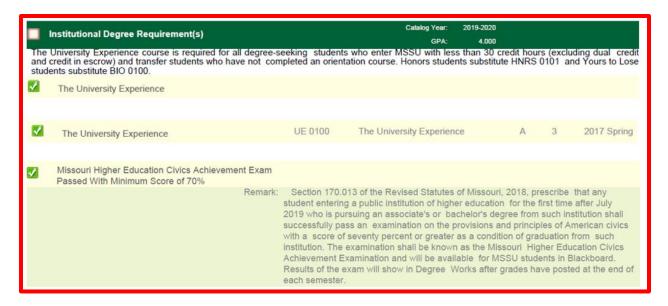


32. For students who are <u>not</u> required to take the exam, what will they see in Degree Works? *No information about the exam will be shown in the Institutional Degree Requirement(s) section.*



33. For students who pass the exam at MSSU, what will they see in Degree Works at the end of the semester after grades have posted?

Degree Works will reflect that the exam has been passed.



34. For students who have passed the exam at another institution, what will they see in Degree Works?

Degree Works will reflect that the exam has been passed at another institution.

