

164.2809 Center of American Civics to develop materials and curricula for degree program. (Effective July 15, 2026)

The Center of American Civics at the University of Kentucky shall develop materials and curricula for a degree program that meets the requirements of this section and distribute the materials and curricula developed to each public institution of higher education in this state. The curricula shall be for a course of instruction that is three (3) semester hours, or the equivalent, in American government or American history that provides a comprehensive overview of the major events and turning points of American history and government and, at a minimum, includes:

- (1) An understanding of the United States Constitution in its entirety;
- (2) An understanding of the Declaration of Independence in its entirety;
- (3) An understanding of a minimum of five (5) essays from the Federalist Papers in their entirety as selected by the course instructor;
- (4) An understanding of the Emancipation Proclamation in its entirety;
- (5) An understanding of the Gettysburg Address in its entirety; and
- (6) Other documents foundational to the American Civil Rights movement.

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History: Created 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 154, sec. 16, effective July 15, 2026; and amended 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 197, sec. 4, effective July 15, 2026.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2026). This statute was created by 2026 RS SB 4 (2026 Ky. Acts ch. 154, sec. 16), which was subsequently amended by 2026 RS HB 826 (2026 Ky. Acts ch. 197, sec. 4), and the amendment has been incorporated in codification.