

## **GCSU Senate Motion 1112.APC.002.C Supporting Document**

“Georgia law requires that each candidate for a degree from a University System of Georgia institution demonstrates knowledge of the history and constitution of the United States and Georgia by course work or examination.” [See relevant section in GC’s Undergraduate Catalog <http://catalog.gcsu.edu/ugrad/history-and-constitution-us.htm>]

Thus, when POLS 1150 was in the core, all students took the class as a core requirement. As it is no longer in the Cube and students won't necessarily have to take the class anymore, we were told we had to create an exams that would meet the legislative requirement stated above. Thus, a US constitution exam and a GA politic/constitution exam (which we already had) that could be taken in the testing center to "demonstrate knowledge".

As for the 60% as a passing grade, the rationale :

- 1) passing grade for 1150 is 60%, so if you are using two exams to substitute for the class the passing grade being the same makes some sense
- 2) Currently history has similar exams to satisfy the legislative requirement and their passing grade is 60, thus we are merely standardizing the passing grade for all of the legislative required exams.

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