

# S.B. 334

## CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY



S.B. 334 creates a pilot Center for Civic Education at Utah State University. The center will oversee all General Education classes, with a focus on a traditional liberal arts curriculum and reading from the Great Books.

**Date of implementation** USU will have this center in place to provide general education instruction to all students by Fall 2026

**Specific Curriculum Requirements** Students will be required to take three 3-credit classes which combine oral & written communication with the humanities. Students will engage with the foundational thinkers such as Aristotle, Shakespeare, Mill, & Adam Smith, through their primary texts and intellectual contributions to Western Civilization. An additional 3-credit class will focus on American Institutions, introducing students to the ideas & debates from which the republican government of the United States was formed, with readings from the U.S. constitution, Federalist Papers, Magna Carta, etc. The remaining 18 credits (for a total of 30 credits) will be determined by the Center of Civic Education.

**Administration** The vice-provost over the Center will oversee professors within the Center, ensure all syllabi for these courses are posted on the institution's website, and report annually to the institution's provost, president, and the commissioner of Higher Ed.

**Scalability** Before July 1, 2029, the Center shall report to the Utah Board of Higher Education & the Education Interim Committee regarding the results of the pilot program. Based on the results of the pilot program, the state board shall then develop a proposed core for state-wide general education courses.

