

# REACH ACT GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

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Per the South Carolina Reinforcing College Education on America's Constitutional Heritage (REACH) Act, as passed by the South Carolina General Assembly and signed into law by the governor, all undergraduate students, beginning with the entering freshman class of academic year 2021-2022 must complete a three-credit course that covers the founding documents including the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalists papers with a passing grade. If the course meets academic program requirements, this course may count as a requirement in any part of the specified program of study including the general education curriculum, the major, minor, or cognate. Alternatively, the course will count as an elective. This requirement can also be met by students who transfer a REACH-compliant course or those who successfully pass an Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or REACH-Compliant dual-enrollment course.