



The Sarasota County citizens' academy, *Civics 101*, is a series of classes that offer a “backstage pass” to the operations of Sarasota County government.

The purpose of the class is to empower those who live and work in the county to affect positive change in their communities, through an improved ability to navigate county processes and programs.

Features of the program include:

- Informational presentations and materials
- Opportunities for discussion with county leaders
- Facility tours
- Hands-on activities
- Networking with others who share an interest in learning about and contributing to the community

The course is offered in two modules, *Act I: Setting the Stage* and *Act II: VIP Services*. Modules may be completed in either order. Each module will be offered at least once during a twelve-month period.

Act I: Setting the Stage

Ethics and Compliance
 Communications
 Enterprise Information Technology
 Business & Economic Development
 Financial Management
 Public Works
 Public Utilities
 Intergovernmental Relations
 Planning & Development Services
 County Commission & Advisory Boards

Act II: VIP Services

Constitutional Offices
 Courts
 Emergency Services
 Health and Human Services
 Libraries & Historical Resources
 Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources
 UF/IFAS Extension Services
 Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT)
 Neighborhood Services

Classes are offered on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:15pm. The class location changes each week in order to accommodate tours and demonstrations of Sarasota County facilities. There is no registration fee; materials and refreshments are provided. Enrollment is limited to twenty-five students.

Applications are available on www.scgov.net keyword: Civics 101. To request information on the next Civics 101 session, contact:

Sarasota County's Neighborhood Services (941) 861-5000 or
 Email neighbor@scgov.net