



Florida Gulf Coast University

Democracy Watch

Fort Myers, FL

Partnership

The school has several courses called "Democracy Watch," focused on Southwest Florida government bodies -- cities and counties. Students report on issues before those bodies, and how the outcomes of government actions affect citizens. The courses are taught in collaboration with WGCU News, and many of the Democracy Watch stories wind up on the WGCU News webpage, and some on air.

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Website

[Democracy Watch](#)

Collaborators

WGCU News

Impacts

Florida government bodies are key in so many decisions affecting the environment, transportation, tourism, development, public safety.

Students

13,530 at Florida Gulf Coast University

Faculty/staff

Faculty are involved in all aspects of the production of content as well as teaching the courses associated with the program.

Funding sources

The program is sponsored by members and the university.