

# POTENZIANI MINOR IN CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES

INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES (MCTS)

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## OVERVIEW

For constitutional governments to secure the common good, thoughtful and educated citizens must possess certain virtues; they must understand and be able to implement, defend, and, if need be, reform constitutional institutions. The Constitutional Studies minor seeks to nurture such citizens, thereby contributing to the University's mission to pursue truth and to nurture a concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.

Building on courses across the College of Arts and Letters and the Law School, the Constitutional Studies minor is designed to encourage students to confront fundamental questions concerning justice, the rule of law, and human flourishing. From a variety of historical, cultural, disciplinary, and philosophical perspectives, constitutional studies courses ask questions such as:

- What is the proper relationship between government and civil society, between law and moral principles?
- What are the philosophical foundations of human rights and constitutional democracy?
- What principles of justice can or should lie at the foundation of a constitutional republic?
- What are the proper relationships between church and state and religion and politics, and how do these relationships reflect the more basic relationship between faith and reason?
- What are the moral, social, and political conditions necessary to sustain America's experiment in constitutional government?
- What is the nature of international law and how are international norms created and maintained?

Constitutional Studies minors receive invitations to participate in extracurricular events associated with the Potenziani Program in Constitutional Studies, the Tocqueville Program for Inquiry into Religion and Public Life, and the Law School's Program in Constitutional Structure.

## CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The Constitutional Studies minor requires 15 credit hours of class work. Students must complete:

- One of the minor's two gateway courses: *Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics* or *Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II: American Constitutionalism* (3 credit hours)
- Three elective courses (total of 9 credit hours)
- Capstone experience: *Advanced Topics in Contemporary Constitutionalism* (3 credit hours) or one additional elective

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# FALL 2015 ELECTIVES LIST

COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, UPON DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

## GATEWAY COURSE:

AVAILABLE ONLY SPRING 2016

*Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics*

CNST 50001 / POLS 30661

-or-

*Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II:  
American Constitutionalism*

CNST 50002 / POLS 30665

## ELECTIVES:

The four categories focus on the great political and constitutional debates in American and world history and on the underlying principles of constitutional government – natural and civil rights, social contract theory, the market economy, voluntary associations, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and the rule of law.

Classes are grouped by general topic of focus, however students are not limited to just one category.

## CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE:

ONE ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE

## UPDATED COURSE INFO:

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### AMERICAN FOUNDING & AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

CNST 20002		POLS 20100	American Politics
CNST 30005		POLS 30663	The American Regime
CNST 30009		HIST 30601	Colonial America
CNST 30010		POLS 30201	US Foreign Policy
CNST 30011		POLS 30667	Economic Policy & the Constitution
		HIST 43757	Catholics & US Public life

### COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM & INTERNATIONAL LAW

CNST 20200		POLS 20400	World Politics: Intro to Comp
CNST 20202		HIST 20975	Making Australia
CNST 30200		POLS 30220	International Law
CNST 30203		POLS 30421	European Politics
CNST 30211		POLS 30222	International Criminal Justice
CNST 30218		POLS 30072	Comparative Civil Liberties
CNST 30220		POLS 30423	Irish Politics 1916-2009
CNST 30221		POLS 30491	Religion, Development& Dem. Africa
CNST 40402		POLS 40472	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia

### CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

CNST 20402		PHIL 20434	Markets and Morality
CNST 30405		ESS 30629	Early Childhood Policy in the US
CNST 30407		POLS 30073	Constitutional Law: Powers & Institut.
CNST 40403		ECON 40362	Monetary Policy
CNST 43400		SOC 43479	Intl. Migration & Human Rights
		ECON 33561	Tax Reform
		ECON 43410	Labor Law

### CONSTITUTIONALISM: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

CNST 10600		CLAS 10100	Ancient Greece and Rome
CNST 20602		POLS 20600	Political Theory
CNST 20603		CLAS 20205	The History of Ancient Rome
CNST 20606		THEO 20660	Theo, Biotechnology, Humanity
CNST 30604		HIST 30410	Tudor England
CNST 30605		HIST 30450	France: Old Regime to Revolution
CNST 30606		POLS 30656	Human Rights and Human Wrongs
CNST 30610		PHIL 30301	Ancient & Medieval Philosophy
CNST 30612		POLS 30415	Rise&Fall- Democracies & Dictatorship
CNST 30617		HIST 30501	Early Modern Rome
CNST 30618		POLS 30026	Women in Politics
CNST 30619		POLS 30601	Ancient and Medieval Theory
CNST 40600		CLAS 40130	Socrates and Athens
CNST 40601		THEO 40245	Augustine
CNST 40602		THEO 40290	Popes, Patriarchs, and Councils