

# 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:** One additional elective

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# FALL 2016 ELECTIVES LIST

COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## GATEWAY COURSE:

*Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II:  
American Constitutionalism*  
CNST 50002 / POLS 30665

## ELECTIVE COURSES ARE GROUPED INTO FOUR CLUSTERS:

### THE AMERICAN FOUNDING AND AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

### COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

### CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

### CONSTITUTIONALISM: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

## CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE: ONE ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE

## UPDATED COURSE INFO: [CONSTUDIES.ND.EDU/COURSES](http://CONSTUDIES.ND.EDU/COURSES)

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These 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 focus area.

### AMERICAN FOUNDING & AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

CNST 20002	POLS 20100	American Politics
CNST 30009	HIST 30601	Colonial America
CNST 30013	POLS 30010	American Political Parties
CNST 30014	POLS 30101	Election 2016
CNST 30015	AMST 30164	Catholics in America
	ENGL 40776	Jim Crow Fiction
	HIST 30606	US Gilded Age/Progressive Era

### COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM & INTERNATIONAL LAW

CNST 20200	POLS 20400	World Politics: Intro to Comp. Politics
CNST 30210	HIST 30912	Modern Mexican History
CNST 30211	POLS 30222	International Criminal Justice
CNST 30215	POLS 30654	Catholicism and Politics
CNST 30229	AMST 30151	Islam and America
CNST 30230	POLS 30530	The Politics of Constitutional Change in Ireland, 1922-2016
CNST 40200	THEO 40713	Between God & the Party: Catholic Faith and Revolutionary Politics in Cuba

### CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

CNST 30407	POLS 30073	Constitutional Law: Powers & Institutions
CNST 33400	ECON 33150	Intro to Econ&Catholic Thought
CNST 30413	POLS 30640	Constitutional Leadership
CNST 43400	SOC 43479	Intl Migration & Human Rights
	ESS 33600	Education, Schooling & Society
	SOC 33458	Mexico-US Border Immersion
	ECON 43410	Labor Law
	CDT 40220	Cybercrime and the Law

### CONSTITUTIONALISM: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

CNST 10600	CLAS 10100	Ancient Greece and Rome
CNST 20602	POLS 20600	Political Theory
CNST 20609	THEO 20843	The Church and Empire
CNST 20610	CLAS 20105	The History of Ancient Greece
CNST 30601	POLS 30625	Political Theory and the Death of God
CNST 30604	HIST 30410	Tudor England: Politics & Honor
CNST 30627	HIST 30405	Europe: The Long 19th Century
CNST 30619	POLS 30601	Ancient and Medieval Political Theory
CNST 30625	POLS 30673	Political Philosophy & Education