

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 2017 ELECTIVES LIST

COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GATEWAY COURSE:

AVAILABLE FALL 2017

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

MW 9:30-10:45 AM

PROF. SUSAN COLLINS

ELECTIVE COURSES ARE GROUPED INTO FOUR CLUSTERS:

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.

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE:

ONE ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE

UPDATED COURSE INFO:

[CONSTUDIES.ND.EDU/COURSES](http://constudies.nd.edu/courses)

CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

336 O'SHAUGHNESSY HALL (UNTIL 6/20)

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Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II: American Constitutionalism

*Classes are grouped by general topic of focus,
however students are not limited to just one category,
nor is there a requirement to take one course from each section.*

AMERICAN FOUNDING & AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

CNST 20002		POLS 20100	American Politics
CNST 30002		POLS 30060	Constitutional Law
CNST 30003		HIST 30604	US Civil War Era
CNST 30004		HIST 30640	Law and Religion in US History
CNST 30009		HIST 30601	Colonial America
CNST 30013		POLS 30010	American Political Parties
x	x	HIST 30611	Major American Presidents
x	x	POLS 53001.05	Sr. Writing Seminar on Lincoln

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM & INTERNATIONAL LAW

CNST 20200		POLS 20400	World Politics: Intro to Comparative
CNST 30203		POLS 30421	European Politics
CNST 30211		POLS 30222	International Criminal Justice
CNST 30215		POLS 30654	Catholicism and Politics
CNST 30233		POLS 30441	Middle-East Politics
x	x	HIST 30912	History of Modern Mexico
x	x	HIST 20975	Making Australia
x	x	HIST 30434	Early Modern Ireland
x	x	HIST 30495	20th Century Poland
x	x	HIST 30477	Europe in the Age of Revolution and Nationalism, 1789-1871

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

CNST 20403		SOC 20732	Introduction to Criminology
CNST 30402		ESS 30605	Education Law and Policy
CNST 30403		POLS 30662	Religion, the State, and American Constitutionalism
CNST 30404		POLS 30005	American Congress/The US Congress
CNST 43400		SOC 43479	International Migration and Human Rights
x	x	ECON 43410	Labor Law
x	x	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 20603		CLAS 20205	The History of Ancient Rome
CNST 20608		THEO 20639	Theology, Ethics, and Business
CNST 20609		THEO 20843	The Church and Empire
CNST 20611		PHIL 20441	Political Philosophy
CNST 30600		CLAS 30112	The Age of Alexander
CNST 30602		POLS 30653	Politics and Conscience
CNST 30604		HIST 30410	Tudor England: Politics and Honor
CNST 30606		IIPS 30554	Human Rights and Human Wrongs
x	x	PHIL 20408	Philosophy of Law