

# 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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# SPRING 2018 ELECTIVES LIST

COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**GATEWAY COURSE:**  
AVAILABLE FALL 2018

## 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.

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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**GATEWAY COURSE:** Available Fall 2018

### AMERICAN FOUNDING & AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

CNST 20002		POLS 20100	American Politics
CNST 30012		HIST 30602	The American Revolution
CNST 30016		POLS 30711	Political Leadership
CNST 30017		POLS 30715	The American Civil War
CNST 30018		HIST 30809	Theodore Roosevelt's America
		POLS 13182	USEM/Federalist Papers and America Today

### COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM & INTERNATIONAL LAW

CNST 20200		POLS 20400	World Politics: Intro to Comparative Politics
CNST 30201		POLS 30406	Elections & Social Protest in Latin America
CNST 30207		POLS 30465	Chinese Politics
CNST 30212		POLS 30224	Comparative Law
CNST 30220		POLS 30423	Irish Politics 1916-2009
CNST 30227		HIST 30355	From Rasputin to Putin
CNST 30233		POLS 30441	Middle-East Politics
CNST 30241		POLS 30569	Inequality & Democracy
		HIST 30464	German History, 1740-1870
		HIST 30061	History of Modern Africa
		POLS 43002	Junior Seminar/Islamic Law

### CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

CNST 30006		POLS 30068	Topics in Civil Liberties/Civil Rights
CNST 30013		POLS 30010	American Political Parties
CNST 20400		PHIL 20602	Medical Ethics
CNST 20403		SOC 20732	Introduction to Criminology
CNST 30414		AMST 30108	American Capitalism
CNST 30417		POLS 30075	Sexual Morality & the Constitution
CNST 40404		GSC 40552	Prisons and Policing in the US
CNST 40405		POLS 40075	Moot Court: Equal Protection
CNST 40605		THEO 60614	Catholic Social Teaching
CNST 43605		PHIL 43324	Phil Issues in Law & Medicine
		HIST 30390	Christianity/Commerce/Consumer
		POLS 53002	Senior Seminar/Civil Liberties

### CONSTITUTIONALISM: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

CNST 20602		POLS 20600	Political Theory
CNST 30609		CLAS 30210	Roman Law and Governance
CNST 30615		POLS 30664	Liberalism and Conservatism
CNST 33601		HIST 33405	Britain & Its Empire
CNST 43604		PHIL 43429	Radical Politics
		PHIL 20105-01	Intro to Phil: Ethics & Polit.
		PHIL 30308	Contemporary Political Philosophy