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
**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:**
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**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