

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)
- **Elective courses:** three electives (total of 9 credit hours)
- **Capstone experience:** currently no dedicated capstone; one additional elective (3 credit hours)

FALL 2018 ELECTIVES LIST

COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GATEWAY COURSE:

PROF. PATRICK DENEEN

MW 3:30-4:45 PM

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

ELECTIVE COURSES ARE GROUPED INTO FOUR CLUSTERS:

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.

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE:

ONE ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE

UPDATED COURSE INFO:

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

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Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II: American Constitutionalism

AMERICAN FOUNDING & AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

CNST 20002		POLS 20100	American Politics
CNST 30003		HIST 30604	US Civil War Era, 1848-1877
CNST 30004		HIST 30640	Law and Religion in US History
CNST 30009		POLS 30010	Colonial America
		AMST 30164	Catholics in America
		HIST 30611	Major American Presidents
		POLS 13181-04	USEM: Evolution of Voting Rights in the U.S.
		POLS 53001-04	James Madison: Political Thought & Statesmanship

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM & INTERNATIONAL LAW

CNST 20200		POLS 20400	World Politics: Intro to Comp
CNST 20202		HIST 20975	Making Australia
CNST 30203		POLS 30241	European Politics
CNST 30211		POLS 30222	International Criminal Justice
CNST 30227		HIST 30355	From Rasputin to Putin
CNST 30238		HIST 30453	French Revolution & Napoleon
		POLS 13181-05	USEM: International Justice
		POLS 13181-00	USEM: The American and French Revolutions

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

CNST 20403		SOC 20732	Introduction to Criminology
CNST 30402		ESS 30605	Education Law and Policy
CNST 30404		POLS 30005	United States Congress
CNST 30419		POLS 30077	Free Speech
CNST 30420		CDT 40220	Cybercrime and the Law
CNST 40407		POLS 40076	Church and State: A Moot Court Seminar
CNST 43400		SOC 43479	Intl. Migration and Human Rights
		ECON 43410	Labor Law
		ECON 33201	Topics in Political Economy

CONSTITUTIONALISM: HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

CNST 10600		CLAS 10100	Ancient Greece and Rome
CNST 20602		POLS 20600	Political Theory
CNST 20608		THEO 20639	Theology, Ethics, and Business
CNST 20609		THEO 20843	The Church and Empire
CNST 20610		CLAS 20105	The History of Ancient Greece
CNST 30602		POLS 30653	Politics and Conscience
CNST 30604		HIST 30410	Tudor England: Politics & Honor
CNST 30618		POLS 30026	Women and Politics
CNST 30621		HIST 30390	Christianity, Commerce, Consumerism
CNST 30628		HIST 30603	New US Nation, 1787-1848
CNST 30629		HIST 30606	US Gilded Age/Progressive Era
CNST 30632		POLS 30617	Conservatism and the Constitution
CNST 43606		SOC 43515	Political Sociology
		PHIL 20408-01	Philosophy of Law
		PHIL 20408-02	Philosophy of Law
		PHIL 20105	Intro to Phil: Ethics & Politics
		CST 33001	Catholic Social Teaching
		POLS 43001-03	Tocqueville's Democracy in America
		POLS 43001-07	Human Excellence in the Political Order