

Minor in American Constitutional Democracy

The minor in American Constitutional Democracy is designed for those students who wish to delve more deeply into the philosophical roots and complex history of self-government by exploring the intellectual, political, historical, and cultural forces that contributed to the development of both the American republic and constitutional democracy around the globe. The minor is appropriate for students in many majors, particularly political science, economics, history, and journalism.

In addition to a wide-ranging interdisciplinary curriculum, the minor contains a required “experiential” component that allows students to consider constitutional issues in practice and/or in comparative perspective.

Requirements

A minimum of fifteen (15) credits are required for the minor. Students in the minor must maintain a B average (3.0 GPA) for courses in the minor.

A minimum of twelve (12) credits must come from the courses below. At least nine (9) hours must be completed at MU.

Additionally, a minimum of three (3) credits must come from an experiential component. The experiential component may be satisfied through participation in either an internship or study abroad program associated with the minor or approved by the director of the minor.

The minor must be completed with courses from at least two (2) subject areas.

- A minor must be completed and awarded at the same time as the MU undergraduate degree
- Once an A&S minor is awarded, a student cannot return to MU to complete a major in the same department
- Minor coursework cannot also be used for Foreign Language Alternative

AMS 3100	The Age of Pericles	3
AMS 4800	Political Thought in Classical and Christian Antiquity	3
BL_STU 2425	Race and the American Story	3
or CNST_DEM 2425	Race and the American Story	
or POL_SC 2425	Race and the American Story	
BL_STU 2604	Caribbean History and Culture	3
BL_STU 2804	Black Political Thought	3
BL_STU 3670	History of Black Nationalism in the United States	3
or HIST 3410	History of Black Nationalism in the United States	
BL_STU 4303	Black Studies in Race, Class, Gender, and U.S. Policy	3
CNST_DEM 2100	The Revolutionary Transformation of Early America	3
or HIST 2100	The Revolutionary Transformation of America	
or CNST_DEM 2100H	The Revolutionary Transformation of Early America - Honors	
or HIST 2100H	The Revolutionary Transformation of America - Honors	
CNST_DEM 2120	The Young Republic	3

or HIST 2120	The Young Republic	
or CNST_DEM 2120H	The Young Republic - Honors	
or HIST 2120H	The Young Republic - Honors	
CNST_DEM 2450	The Intellectual World of the American Founders	3
or POL_SC 2450	The Intellectual World of the American Founders	
or CNST_DEM 2450H	The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors	
or POL_SC 2450H	The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors	
CNST_DEM 2455	Constitutional Debates	3
or POL_SC 2455	Constitutional Debates	
or CNST_DEM 2455H	Constitutional Debates - Honors	
or POL_SC 2455H	Constitutional Debates - Honors	
CNST_DEM 4231	Constitutional Litigation	3
CNST_DEM 4835	Race and Politics in South Africa	3
or BL_STU 4835	Race and Politics in South Africa	
or HIST 4835	Race and Politics in South Africa	
CNST_DEM 4900	Beltway History and Politics: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice	3
or HIST 4900	Beltway History: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice	
or POL_SC 4900	Beltway History and Politics: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice	
CNST_DEM 4975	Journal on Constitutional Democracy	1-3
or HIST 4975	Journal on Constitutional Democracy	
or POL_SC 4975	Journal on Constitutional Democracy	
CNST_DEM 4400	History of American Law	3
or HIST 4400	History of American Law	
ECONOM 3367	Law and Economics	3
or ECONOM 3367W	Law and Economics - Writing Intensive	
ECONOM 4320	History of Economic Thought	3
ENV_SC 4400W	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice - Writing Intensive	3
HIST 2150	The American Civil War: A Global History	3
HIST 2210	Twentieth Century America	3
HIST 2440	History of Missouri	3
HIST 2570	The First World War and its Aftermath	3
HIST 2820	Taiwan: The First Chinese Democracy	3
HIST 3000	History of Religion in America to the Civil War	3
HIST 3200	Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1973	3
HIST 3210	History of Religion in Post-Civil War America	3
HIST 3220	U.S. Women's Political History, 1880-Present	3
HIST 3485	The United States and the Middle East	3
HIST 3545	World War II	3
HIST 3620	Britain and the Sea	3
HIST 3860	History of Mexico	3
HIST 4040	Slavery and the Crisis of the Union: The American Civil War Era	3
HIST 4070	Indians and Europeans in Early America	3
HIST 4075	Global History in Oxford	4
or CNST_DEM 4075	Global History in Oxford	

HIST 4260	The Age of Ascendancy: U.S. Foreign Relations, 1945 - Present	3
HIST 4270	African-Americans in the Twentieth Century	3
HIST 4280	America in the Reagan Years	3
HIST 4580	The "Making" of Modern Europe: Identity, Culture, Empire	3
HIST 4615	Empire's Crossroads: Britain and the Middle East	3
HIST 4620	Modern England	3
HIST 4650	Revolutionary France, 1789-1815	3
HIST 4800	Modern China and Japan: War, Imperialism and Memory	3
HIST 4821	Constitutionalism in the Americas	3
or HIST 4821W	Constitutionalism in the Americas - Writing Intensive	
HIST 4910	History in the Public: An Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Public History	3
or HIST 4910W	History in the Public An Introduction to the Theory & Practice of Public History - Writing Intensive	
HIST 4940	Internship in History	3
JOURN 4000	Communications Law	3
PHIL 4600	Political and Social Philosophy	3
PHIL 4610	Philosophy of Law	3
POL_SC 2200	The Judicial Process	3
POL_SC 2250	Missouri Politics	3
POL_SC 2410	The Politics of International Law	3
POL_SC 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	3
or HIST 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	
or CNST_DEM 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	
POL_SC 2450	The Intellectual World of the American Founders	3
or POL_SC 2450H	The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors	
POL_SC 2455	Constitutional Debates	3
or POL_SC 2455H	Constitutional Debates - Honors	
POL_SC 2800	Liberty, Justice and the Common Good	3
POL_SC 2860	American Political Thought	3
POL_SC 4130	African-American Politics	3
POL_SC 4140	Congress and Legislative Policy	3
POL_SC 4141	The History of American Legislatures	3
POL_SC 4150	The American Presidency	3
or POL_SC 4150W	The American Presidency - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 4170	Politics of the American South	3
POL_SC 4190	Elections and Democracy in the United States	3
POL_SC 4200	The American Constitution	3
POL_SC 4210	Constitutional Rights	3
POL_SC 4220	The United States Supreme Court	3
POL_SC 4230	Constitution and Civil Liberties	3
POL_SC 4370	Law, Policy, and Regulation	3
POL_SC 4380	Politics of Criminal Justice	3
POL_SC 4390	United States Health Politics and Policy	3
POL_SC 4420	Politics of International Economic Relations	3
POL_SC 4435	Nationalism and Democracy	3
POL_SC 4440	International Organization	3
POL_SC 4540	American Foreign Policies	3

or POL_SC 4540W	American Foreign Policies - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 4550	Environmental Conflict	3
POL_SC 4690	Korean Politics: North and South Korea	3
POL_SC 4700	America's Wars in Asia/War and Peace in Asia	3
POL_SC 4730	Women and Politics	3
POL_SC 4750	Power and Money	3
POL_SC 4800	Classical Political Theory	3
POL_SC 4810	Modern Political Theory	3
POL_SC 4830	Democracy in America (and Elsewhere)	3
POL_SC 4840	Developing Dynamics of Democracy	3
POL_SC 4940	Political Science Internship	3-6
WGST 3260	Gender, Law and Justice	3

Note: Students may petition the director of the minor to have a maximum of three (3) hours from a related course not on the list above apply toward the degree. This can include Honors Tutorials associated with the Kinder Institute (GN_HON 2010H courses). Outside courses may have additional prerequisites.

The following courses have been approved to qualify for the Minor's experiential requirement: CNST_DEM 4231, CNST_DEM 4835/HIST 4835/BL_STU 4835, CNST_DEM 4900/HIST 4900/POL_SC 4900, CNST_DEM 4975/HIST 4975/POL_SC 4975, HIST 4075/CNST_DEM 4075, HIST 4910/HIST 4910W, HIST 4940* POL_SC 4840, POL_SC 4940*

*HIST 4940 and POL_SC 4940 can only apply as experiential courses. All others listed above can apply toward either the general coursework or experiential requirement.

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