BA in Constitutional Democracy

Degree Program Description

The Kinder Institute and MU College of Arts and Science now offer a BA in Constitutional Democracy to University of Missouri undergraduates. Students who pursue a degree in Constitutional Democracy will focus in their common curriculum courses on the ideas and events that shaped the political institutions and culture of the U.S. during the revolutionary era and early republic. From here, students will use upper-level coursework in the major to begin to build expertise in one of four concentration areas: "U.S. & the World," "Politics & Policy," "Law & Institutions," or "Social & Political Thought." The degree will provide a foundation for thoughtful citizenship, leadership, and civic engagement through careful examination of the complicated issues and questions with which the United States has reckoned and struggled, and through which it has endured, from its beginnings to the present day.

Major Program Requirements

The BA in Constitutional Democracy requires 36 credit hours, 15 of which come through the major’s required common curriculum and 15 of which come through coursework in a specific concentration area. Coursework in at least two departments must be represented in students’ 15 concentration area credits, and a minimum of nine (9) credit hours of concentration area coursework must be at the 3000-level of above. The major also requires three (3) credit hours of experiential coursework and three (3) credit hours of thesis or capstone coursework. A minimum of 18 credit hours will be taken at the 3000-level or above, and students must receive a grade of C- or higher in all coursework they are applying to the major. All courses in the major must be taken at or through MU. Total credit hours for the program are 120. In addition to the major requirements, students must complete college and University graduation requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/), including University general education requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/).

General Education

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**III. Experiential Coursework**

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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 POL_SC 4975  Journal on Constitutional Democracy

or HIST 4975  Journal on Constitutional Democracy

HIST 4075  Global History in Oxford 4

or HIST 4910  History in the Public: An Introduction to the Theory & 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

POL_SC 4840  Developing Dynamics of Democracy 3

or CNST_DEM 4840  Developing Dynamics of Democracy

POL_SC 4940  Political Science Internship ** 3-6

SRV_LRN 3028  Civic Leaders Internship ** 3-6

Note: a Course cannot be used to fulfill both an experiential and a concentration area requirement.
Any Experiential Course marked ** must be approved by the Constitutional Democracy degree's academic advisor in order for students' to receive major credit for it.

IV. Thesis/Capstone Requirement 3

CNST_DEM 4996  Thesis in Constitutional Democracy 1-2

Or an additional three-credit hour, 4000-level or higher course in students' concentration area (by approval of BA Director)

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Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan will vary based on course choices where options are available.

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