Minor in American Constitutional Democracy

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The minor in American Constitutional Democracy is designed for those students who wish to delve more deeply into the American experience with self-government, exploring the development of the American state and the intellectual, political, historical, and cultural forces that contributed to this development. The minor is appropriate for students in many majors, particularly political science, economics, history, and journalism.

The minor affords students a unique opportunity to gain a broad perspective on issues of American political development, allowing focus on areas where they may have additional educational requirements not offered in their chosen major field of study. In addition, it contains an “experiential” component that permits students to consider constitutional issues in practice and/or in comparative perspective.

Minor 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 following courses. 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.

CL_HUM 3100 The Age of Pericles 3
CL_HUM 4800 Political Thought in Classical and Christian Antiquity 3
ECONOM 4004 Topics in Economics- Social Science (American Political Economics) 1-3
ECONOM 4320 History of Economic Thought 3
ECONOM 4367 Law and Economics 3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (The Affordable Care Act & the Constitutional Order) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Arbitration and Liberty of Contract) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Constitutional Interpretation) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Crisis and Constitutional Government) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Give Me Liberty or Give Me Arbitration) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Hamilton and the Constitutional Foreign Affairs Powers) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (The Idea of Human Rights) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (The Impeachment Power & American Constitutional Balance) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (The Inalienable Right to the Pursuit of Happiness) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Justice) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Liberal Democratic Legacy) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (An Overview of Liberal Democratic Theory and Practice) 1-3
GN_HON 2010H Honors Tutorial (Whitman's Democratic Legacy) 1-3
GN_HON 2230H Honors Social Science Colloquium (Race and Nationalism in American Political History) 2-3
HIST 1500 Foundations of Western Civilization 3
HIST 1540 England Before the Glorious Revolution 3
HIST 2004 Topics in History-Social Science (Gender and the Law) 3
HIST 2100H The Revolutionary Transformation of America - Honors 3
HIST 2120H The Young Republic - Honors 3
HIST 2430 History of American Religion 3
HIST 2445 American Constitutional Democracy 3
HIST 3000 History of Religion in America to the Civil War 3
HIST 3210 History of Religion in Post-Civil War America 3
HIST 3220 U.S. Women's Political History, 1880-Present 3
HIST 4000 Age of Jefferson 3
HIST 4040 Slavery and the Crisis of the Union: The American Civil War Era 3
HIST 4060 The Period of the American Revolution, 1760-1789 3
HIST 4080 American Foreign Policy from Colonial Times to 1898 3
HIST 4100 American Cultural and Intellectual History to 1865 3
HIST 4200 American Cultural and Intellectual History Since 1865 3
HIST 4400 History of American Law 3
HIST 4510 Crime and Punishment: Law in Classical Athens 3
HIST 4515 Power and Oratory in Ancient Greece 3
HIST 4900 Beltway History: American Constitutional Democracy in Theory and Practice 3
HIST 4940 Internship in History 3
HIST 4975 Journal on Constitutional Democracy 1-3
PHIL 4600 Political and Social Philosophy 3
PHIL 4610 Philosophy of Law 3
POL_SC 2445 American Constitutional Democracy 3
POL_SC 2800 Liberty, Justice and the Common Good 3
POL_SC 2880 American Political Thought 3
POL_SC 4004 Topics in Political Science - Social Science (The Constitutional Debates) 3
POL_SC 4004 Topics in Political Science - Social Science (The Politics of Emergency) 3
POL_SC 4130 African-American Politics 3
POL_SC 4140 Congress and Legislative Policy 3
POL_SC 4150 The American Presidency 3
POL_SC 4170 Politics of the American South 3
POL_SC 4200 The American Constitution 3
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Note: Students may petition the director of the minor to include a maximum of three (3) hours from a related course outside the Departments of Political Science and History. Outside courses may have additional prerequisites.