

# 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 or 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		54
ENGLISH 1000	Exposition and Argumentation	3
MATH 1100	College Algebra	3
or MATH 1050	Quantitative Reasoning	
or STAT 1200	Introductory Statistical Reasoning	
Foreign Language		12-13
Behavioral Sciences		5
Social Sciences		9
Humanities/Fine Arts		12
Biological, Physical, Mathematical Sciences		9

\*Note that this does not include the Math Reasoning Proficiency or Writing Intensive course requirements, since those can be fulfilled in the process of meeting other distribution requirements.

Major Requirements		36
I. Common Curriculum		15
CNST_DEM 2100	The Revolutionary Transformation of Early America	3
or HIST 2100	The Revolutionary Transformation of America	

CNST_DEM 2120	The Young Republic	3
or HIST 2120	The Young Republic	
CNST_DEM 2450H	The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors	3
or POL_SC 2450	The Intellectual World of the American Founders	
CNST_DEM 2455H	Constitutional Debates - Honors	3
or POL_SC 2455	Constitutional Debates	
CNST_DEM 4400	History of American Law	3
or HIST 4400	History of American Law	
II. Concentration Area Coursework		15
Concentration Area 1: U.S. & the World		
Concentration Area 1 Electives		
BL_STU 2904	Black Studies in Slavery and Freedom	3
or HIST 2904	Black Studies in Slavery and Freedom	
BL_STU 3804	Resistance in the Black Atlantic	3
BL_STU 4904	Historical and Contemporary Slavery	3
or HIST 4904	Historical and Contemporary Slavery	
HIST 2150	The American Civil War: A Global History	3
or CNST_DEM 2150	The American Civil War: A Global History	
HIST 2520	From Waterloo to Sarajevo: European History, 1815-1914	3
HIST 2820	Taiwan: The First Chinese Democracy	3
HIST 3485	The United States and the Middle East	3
HIST 3870	Social Revolution in Latin America	3
or PEA_ST 3870	Social Revolution in Latin America	
HIST 4070	Indians and Europeans in Early America	3
HIST 4075	Global History in Oxford	4
HIST 4620	Modern England	3
HIST 4650	Revolutionary France, 1789-1815	3
HIST 4660	Gender, War, and Migration: Europe, 1914 to the Present	3
or WGST 4660	Gender, War, and Migration: Europe, 1914 to the Present	
HIST 4680	From the Rise of the Nazis to the Fall of the Wall: German History in the Twentieth Century	3
HIST 4800	Modern China and Japan: War, Imperialism and Memory	3
HIST 4821	Constitutionalism in the Americas	3
HIST 4880	Chinese Migration: From Yellow Peril to Model Minority	3
POL_SC 4400	Theories of International Relations	3
POL_SC 4540	American Foreign Policies	3
POL_SC 4700	America's Wars in Asia/War and Peace in Asia	3
POL_SC 4750	Power and Money	3
POL_SC 4780	Dictatorship and Democracy	3
Concentration Area 2: Politics & Policy		
Concentration Area 2 Electives		
BL_STU 4303	Black Studies in Race, Class, Gender, and U.S. Policy, Black Studies in Race, Class, Gender and U.S. Policy	3
HIST 2210	Twentieth Century America	3
HIST 2440	History of Missouri	3
HIST 3200	Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1973	3
or BL_STU 3200	Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1973	

HIST 3220	U.S. Women's Political History, 1880-Present	3
or WGST 3220	U.S. Women's Political History, 1880-Present	
HIST 4235	The Wire: Race, Urban Inequality, and the 'Crisis' of the American City	3
HIST 4270	African-Americans in the Twentieth Century	3
or BL_STU 4270	African-Americans in the Twentieth Century	
HIST 4280	America in the Reagan Years	3
HIST 4430	The Great West in American History	3
HIST 4445	American Political Economy from the Commerce Clause to the Great Recession	3
POL_SC 2250	Missouri Politics	3
POL_SC 2500	The Science of Politics	3
POL_SC 4140	Congress and Legislative Policy	3
POL_SC 4320	Public Policy	3
POL_SC 4370	Law, Policy, and Regulation	3
POL_SC 4390	United States Health Politics and Policy	3
POL_SC 4550	Environmental Conflict	3
POL_SC 4750	Power and Money	3
Concentration Area 3: Law & Institutions		
Concentration Area 3 Electives		
CNST_DEM 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	3
or HIST 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	
or POL_SC 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	
ECONOM 3367	Law and Economics	3
HIST 4821	Constitutionalism in the Americas	3
PHIL 4610	Philosophy of Law	3
POL_SC 2200	The Judicial Process	3
POL_SC 2410	The Politics of International Law	3
POL_SC 4140	Congress and Legislative Policy	3
POL_SC 4150	The American Presidency	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 4370	Law, Policy, and Regulation	3
POL_SC 4380	Politics of Criminal Justice	3
POL_SC 4440	International Organization	3
WGST 3260	Gender, Law and Justice	3
Concentration Area 4: Social & Political Thought		
Concentration Area 4 Electives		
AMS 4800	Political Thought in Classical and Christian Antiquity	3
or POL_SC 4800	Classical Political Theory	
or CNST_DEM 4800	Political Thought in Classical and Christian Antiquity	
CNST_DEM 2425	Race and the American Story	3
or BL_STU 2425	Race and the American Story	
or POL_SC 2425	Race and the American Story	
BL_STU 2804	Black Political Thought	3
ECONOM 4320	History of Economic Thought	3
HIST 3560	The Scientific Revolution	3
HIST 4580	The 'Making' of Modern Europe: Identity, Culture, Empire	3

PHIL 4600	Political and Social Philosophy	3
PHIL 4610	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 4620	Marxism	3
POL_SC 2800	Liberty, Justice and the Common Good	3
or CNST_DEM 2800	Liberty, Justice and the Common Good	
POL_SC 2860	American Political Thought	3
POL_SC 4810	Modern Political Theory	3
or CNST_DEM 4810	Modern Political Theory	
POL_SC 4820	Contemporary Political Theory	3
POL_SC 4830	Democracy in America (and Elsewhere)	3
or CNST_DEM 4830	Democracy in America (and Elsewhere)	

\*Students can petition the B.A. Director to have up to three-credit hours of coursework not listed as an approved class for their particular concentration area count toward fulfilling that requirement.

III. Experiential Coursework		3
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	
HIST 4075	Global History in Oxford	4
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)		

**Electives 30**

## 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.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLSH 1000		3 MATH 1100	3
Behavioral Science Course		3 Biological/Physical/Math Science Course with Lab	5
Social Science Course		3 CNST_DEM Concentration Elective	3
Humanities Course		3 CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3

CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3			
	15			14
<b>Second Year</b>				
<b>Fall</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Spring</b>		<b>CR</b>
Foreign Language		5 Foreign Language		5
Behavioral Science Course		3 Minor		3
Humanities Course		3 Humanities Course		3
CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course		3 CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course		3
CNST_DEM Concentration Elective		3		
	17			14
<b>Third Year</b>				
<b>Fall</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Spring</b>		<b>CR</b>
Foreign Language		3 Biological/Physical/Math Science Course		4
Social Science Course		3 Social Science Course		3
Humanities Course		3 CNST_DEM Concentration Elective		3
CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course		3 CNST_DEM Experiential Requirement		3
CNST_DEM Concentration Elective		3 Minor		3
	15			16
<b>Fourth Year</b>				
<b>Fall</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Spring</b>		<b>CR</b>
CNST_DEM Thesis		2 CNST_DEM Thesis		1
CNST_DEM Concentration Elective		3 Minor		3
Minor		3 Minor		3
Elective Course		3 Elective Course		3
Elective Course		3 Elective Course		3
		Elective Course		3
	14			16

Total Credits: 121

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