

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." Students will also complete an experiential course that will allow them to situate their work in the classroom in a new environment. 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 and nations around the globe have long reckoned and struggled, and through which they have endured, from democracy's 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.

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

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
or HIST 2100H	The Revolutionary Transformation of America - Honors
or CNST_DEM 2100H	The Revolutionary Transformation of Early America - Honors
or GN_HON 2245H	Revolutions
CNST_DEM 2120	The Young Republic 3
or HIST 2120	The Young Republic
or HIST 2120H	The Young Republic - Honors

or CNST_DEM 2120H	The Young Republic - Honors	
CNST_DEM 2450H	The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors	3
or POL_SC 2450H	The Intellectual World of the American Founders - Honors	
or POL_SC 2450	The Intellectual World of the American Founders	
or CNST_DEM 2450	The Intellectual World of the American Founders	
CNST_DEM 2455H	Constitutional Debates - Honors	3
or POL_SC 2455H	Constitutional Debates - Honors	
or POL_SC 2455	Constitutional Debates	
or CNST_DEM 2455	Constitutional Debates	
or GN_HON 2246H	Constitutions	
CNST_DEM 4400	History of American Law	3
or HIST 4400	History of American Law	
or CNST_DEM 4400W	History of American Law - Writing Intensive	
or HIST 4400W	History of American Law - Writing Intensive	

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 4640	African Politics	3
or POL_SC 4640	African Politics	
CNST_DEM 4835	Race and Politics in South Africa	3
or HIST 4835	Race and Politics in South Africa	
or BL_STU 4835	Race and Politics in South Africa	
or HIST 4835H	Race and Politics in South Africa - Honors	
GEOG 4770	Migration and Immigration	3
HIST 2150	The American Civil War: A Global History	3
HIST 2570	The First World War and its Aftermath	3
HIST 2820	Taiwan: The First Chinese Democracy	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 3855	Japan and Britain, 1850-1940: The 'Two Island Empires'	3
HIST 3860	History of Mexico	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
or CNST_DEM 4075	Global History in Oxford	
or HIST 4075H	Global History in Oxford - Honors	
HIST 4260	The Age of Ascendancy: U.S. Foreign Relations, 1945 - Present	3
HIST 4615	Empire's Crossroads: Britain and the Middle East	3
HIST 4650	Revolutionary France, 1789-1815	3
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
or HIST 4821W	Constitutionalism in the Americas - Writing Intensive	

HIST 4880	Chinese Migration: From Yellow Peril to Model Minority	3
PEA_ST 2016	Authoritarian Societies, States, and the Prospects for Democracy	3
or PEA_ST 2016H	Authoritarian Societies, States, and the Prospects for Democracy - Honors	
or PEA_ST 2016W	Authoritarian Societies, States, and the Prospects for Democracy - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 2410	The Politics of International Law	3
POL_SC 2600	Canadian Politics and Government	3
POL_SC 4430	Global Human Rights	3
POL_SC 4540	American Foreign Policies	3
or POL_SC 4540W	American Foreign Policies - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 4650	Middle East Politics	3
POL_SC 4680	Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy	3
POL_SC 4690	Korean Politics: North and South Korea	3
POL_SC 4750	Power and Money	3
Concentration Area 2: Politics & Policy		
Concentration Area 2 Electives		
BL_STU 4303	Black Studies in Race, Class, Gender, and U.S. Policy	3
or HIST 4303	Black Studies in Race, Class, Gender and U.S. Policy	
CNST_DEM 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	3
or POL_SC 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	
ENV_SC 4400	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice	3
or ENV_SC 4400W	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice - Writing Intensive	
GEOG 2720	The City	3
GEOG 4770	Migration and Immigration	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 3210	History of Religion in Post-Civil War America	3
HIST 4235	The Wire: Race, Urban Inequality, and the "Crisis" of the American City	3
or BL_STU 4335	The Wire: Race, Urban Inequality, and the "Crisis" of the American City	
HIST 4260	The Age of Ascendancy: U.S. Foreign Relations, 1945 - Present	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
PEA_ST 2293	Globalization, Identity and Citizenship	3
or PEA_ST 2293W	Globalization, Identity and Citizenship - Writing Intensive	
or POL_SC 2293	Globalization, Identity and Citizenship	
or POL_SC 2293W	Globalization, Identity and Citizenship - Writing Intensive	
or GEOG 2293	Globalization, Identity and Citizenship	
or GEOG 2293W	Globalization, Identity and Citizenship - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 2250	Missouri Politics	3
POL_SC 4131	Race and Politics	3
POL_SC 4140	Congress and Legislative Policy	3

POL_SC 4150	The American Presidency	3
or POL_SC 4150W	The American Presidency - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 4320	Public Policy	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 4540	American Foreign Policies	3
or POL_SC 4540W	American Foreign Policies - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 4550	Environmental Conflict	3
POL_SC 4750	Power and Money	3
Concentration Area 3: Law & Institutions		
Concentration Area 3 Electives		
AMS 3400	Murder and Mayhem: Images of Justice in Classical Antiquity	3
or AMS 3400H	Murder and Mayhem: Images of Justice in Classical Antiquity - Honors	
or AMS 3400W	Murder and Mayhem: Images of Justice in Classical Antiquity - Writing Intensive	
CNST_DEM 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	3
or POL_SC 2445	American Constitutional Democracy	
CNST_DEM 4231	Constitutional Litigation	3
or POL_SC 4231	Constitutional Litigation	
ECONOM 3367	Law and Economics	3
or ECONOM 3367W	Law and Economics - Writing Intensive	
ENV_SC 4400	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice	3
or ENV_SC 4400W	Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice - Writing Intensive	
HIST 4821	Constitutionalism in the Americas	3
or HIST 4821W	Constitutionalism in the Americas - Writing Intensive	
JOURN 4000	Communications Law	3
PHIL 4610	Law, Liberty, and Justice: An Introduction to the 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 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 4190	Elections and Democracy in the United States	3
POL_SC 4200	The American Constitution	3
or POL_SC 4200W	The American Constitution - Writing Intensive	
POL_SC 4210	Constitutional Rights	3
or POL_SC 4210W	Constitutional Rights - Writing Intensive	
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
WGST 3260	Gender, Law and Justice	3
Concentration Area 4: Social & Political Thought		
Concentration Area 4 Electives		
AMS 3400	Murder and Mayhem: Images of Justice in Classical Antiquity	3
or AMS 3400H	Murder and Mayhem: Images of Justice in Classical Antiquity - Honors	

or AMS 3400W	Murder and Mayhem: Images of Justice in Classical Antiquity - Writing Intensive	
AMS 3100	The Age of Pericles	3
or AMS 3100H	The Age of Pericles - Honors	
AMS 4800	Political Thought in Classical and Christian Antiquity	3
or POL_SC 4800	Classical Political Theory	
BL_STU 2804	Black Political Thought	3
BL_STU 3605	African-European Histories: The African Diaspora in Germany and Beyond	3
or BL_STU 3605H	African-European Histories: The African Diaspora in Germany and Beyond - Honors	
or GERMAN 3605	African-European Histories: The African Diaspora in Germany and Beyond	
or GERMAN 3605H	African-European Histories: The African Diaspora in Germany and Beyond - Honors	
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	
GERMAN 4840	Totalitarianism and Culture	3
or GERMAN 4840W	Totalitarianism and Culture - Writing Intensive	
or GERMAN 4840H	Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors	
or GERMAN 4840HW	Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors/Writing Intensive	
or RUSS 4840	Totalitarianism and Culture	
or RUSS 4840W	Totalitarianism and Culture - Writing Intensive	
or RUSS 4840H	Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors	
or RUSS 4840HW	Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors/Writing Intensive	
HIST 3200	Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1973	3
or BL_STU 3200	Black Freedom Movement, 1955-1973	
HIST 3560	The Scientific Revolution	3
HIST 4580	The "Making" of Modern Europe: Identity, Culture, Empire	3
PEA_ST 2016	Authoritarian Societies, States, and the Prospects for Democracy	3
or PEA_ST 2016H	Authoritarian Societies, States, and the Prospects for Democracy - Honors	
or PEA_ST 2016W	Authoritarian Societies, States, and the Prospects for Democracy - Writing Intensive	
PHIL 4600	Justice, Rights, and the State: An Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 4610	Law, Liberty, and Justice: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Law	3
POL_SC 2860	American Political Thought	3
POL_SC 4430	Global Human Rights	3
POL_SC 4810	Modern Political Theory	3
or CNST_DEM 4810	Modern Political Theory	
POL_SC 4820	Contemporary Political Theory	3
WGST 2020	Feminist Theory	3
WGST 3450W	Feminist Methodologies - Writing Intensive	3

Note: 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 4231	Constitutional Litigation	3
or POL_SC 4231	Constitutional Litigation	
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	
or HIST 4835H	Race and Politics in South Africa - Honors	
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 4940	Internship in Constitutional Democracy	3-6
CNST_DEM 4975	Journal on Constitutional Democracy	1-3
or CNST_DEM 4975H	Journal on Constitutional Democracy - Honors	
HIST 4075	Global History in Oxford	4
or HIST 4075H	Global History in Oxford - Honors	
or CNST_DEM 4075	Global History in Oxford	
HIST 4910W	History in the Public An Introduction to the Theory & Practice of Public History - Writing Intensive	3
HIST 4940	Internship in History **	3
POL_SC 4940	Political Science Internship **	3-6
SRV_LRN 3028	Civic Leaders Internship **	3-6

** 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.

Note: a Course cannot be used to fulfill both an experiential and a concentration area requirement.

IV. Thesis/Capstone Requirement		3
CNST_DEM 4996	Thesis in Constitutional Democracy	3-6
CNST_DEM 4971W	Undergraduate Seminar in Constitutional Democracy - Writing Intensive	3

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
CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3	CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3
Social Science from Arts and Science, 2000+	3	ENGLISH 1000	3
Second Language Requirement	4	Second Language Requirement	4
Biological or Physical lab	4	POL_SC 1100 (Missouri State Law Requirement)	3
		Humanities	3
			16
		14	

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3	CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3

Second Language Requirement	4 CNST_DEM Common Curriculum Course	3
Biological or Physical lab	5 Humanities	3
Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3 Social Science	3
	Behavioral Science from Arts and Science	3
15		15

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
CNST_DEM Concentration 3000+ Elective	3	CNST_DEM Experiential Requirement	3
		3 CNST_DEM Concentration Elective	3
Humanities from Arts and Science	3	Behavioral Science, 2000+ Level	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3	Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3	Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
CNST_DEM 4971W	3	CNST_DEM Concentration 3000+	3
CNST_DEM Concentration	3	CNST_DEM Concentration 3000+	3
Humanities 2000+ level	3	Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3	Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3	Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Total Credits: 120

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