

CONSTITUTIONS (CON)

(3 credits)

Students must complete one course that teaches the constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Courses which meet this requirement will:

- Require students to study the Constitutions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the United States.
- Consider the historical context, addressing
 - antecedents in English law
 - the idea of written fundamental law
 - the context of colonial history
 - failed predecessors (e.g., the 1778 constitutions and the Articles of Confederation)
 - mechanism of drafting, ratification, and amendment
 - influence of the Massachusetts Constitution on the U.S. Constitution.
- Consider political thought in contemporary society, addressing
 - how each constitution shapes modern life
 - differing interpretations, including by the courts
 - current issues related to each constitution
 - basic national, state and/or local political processes, and the rights and obligations of citizenship.

Code	Title	Credits
HI-111	US History to 1877	3
HI-112	US History 1865 to the Present	3
HI-140	We the People	3
HI-218	US Constitutional History I	3
HI-219	US Constitutional History II	3
HI-320	Citizen Nation	3
PH-151	Race, Gender, and the Law	3
PH-231	Philosophy of Law	3
PO-110	American Government	3
PO-150	Foundations of Legal Studies	3
PO-217	The U.S. Congress	3
PO-218	US Constitutional History I	3
PO-219	US Constitutional History II	3
PO-318	Constitutional Law of Government Powers And Constraints	3
PO-319	Constitutional Law of Civil Rights and Liberties	3
PO-320	Citizen Nation	3
PO-380	American Foreign Policy Since the Cold War	3