

CIVICS AND HUMANITIES MINOR

In this minor, students take two related kinds of courses. Some courses are those related to the American Founding and Re-Founding Documents, such as the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, or other sources created in the country's founding era which remain central to our national political tradition today. Additionally, students also take courses focused on earlier great themes and texts from humanities traditions which influenced the American Founding. That humanistic inheritance included ancient Greek and Roman letters, the Jewish and Christian traditions, the Renaissance, and the specifically British context of the Founding, including the English legal tradition.

The Civics and Humanities minor is a true program in the Liberal Arts, the broad study of humanities for the twin ends of fostering individual flourishing and of preparing citizens to make informed contributions to American society.

This minor is ideal for students who want to learn great ideas of leadership. They gain this through familiarity with the great, perennial problems facing human societies and individual people in their lives, and the experience articulating and debating those ideas carefully and respectfully in classroom environments.