

Civics Honors (BA)

Program Requirements

120 total semester credit hours are required.[†]

Requirements	Hours
CIV 301 Perennial Problems in Civic Thought	3
CIV 302 Truth and Persuasion	3
CIV 303J Origins of American Institutions	3
CIV 303K Democracy and Capitalism	3
CIV 304 Foundations of Research Methods for Civics ⁰²⁰	3
CIV 305 Excellence of Character: The Virtues	3
ECO 304K Introduction to Microeconomics ⁰⁸⁰	3
GOV/CIV 312P Constitutional Principles: Core Texts ⁰⁷⁰	3
Foreign Language (Proficiency in a language other than English)	12
18 hours chosen from Areas A, B, and C, with at least 6 hours of CIV courses in each area.	
Area A: Constitutionalism	6
CIV 121 Topics in Constitutional History and Principles Research	
CIV 320 Constitutionalism: Ancient and Modern	
CIV 321J Economics and Constitutionalism	
CIV 124 Topics in Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law Research	
CIV 360 Advanced Topics in Constitutional History and Principles	
CIV 363 Advanced Topics in Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law	
CIV 372 Topics in Independent Research in Constitutionalism	
Area B: Western Civilization	6
CIV 122 Topics in Western Civilization Research	
CIV 322J The Quest for Community	
CIV 322K Politics and the Transcendent	
CIV 125 Topics in Civic Thought and Culture Research	
CIV 364 Advanced Topics in Civic Thought and Culture	
CIV 361 Advanced Topics in Western Civilization	
CIV 373 Topics in Independent Research in Western Civilization	
Area C: Civic Leadership	6
CIV 123 Topics in Ethics and Leadership Research	
CIV 323J Ethical Analysis for Civic Leaders	
CIV 325K Economic Analysis for Civic Leaders	
CIV 126 Topics in Strategy and Statecraft Research	
CIV 337 Policy Research Lab	

CIV 362	Advanced Topics in Ethics and Leadership
CIV 365	Advanced Topics in Strategy and Statecraft
CIV 374	Topics in Independent Research in Civic Leadership
12 elective hours chosen from any of the following areas:	12
Area A Civic Leadership	
CIV 121	Topics in Constitutional History and Principles Research
CIV 124	Topics in Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law Research
CIV 320	Constitutionalism: Ancient and Modern
CIV 321J	Economics and Constitutionalism
CIV 360	Advanced Topics in Constitutional History and Principles
CIV 363	Advanced Topics in Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law
CIV 372	Topics in Independent Research in Constitutionalism
GOV 320K	United States Constitutional Development: Structures
GOV 320N	United States Constitutional Development: Rights
GOV 335R	Intellectual World of the American Founders
GOV 357C/CTI 326C	Constitutional Interpretation
GOV 357D/CTI 326L	Civil Liberties
GOV 357F/CTI 326S	Constitutional Structure of Power
GOV 357G	Structure of Individual Liberties
HIS 317L	Topics in United States History (Topic 13: Origins of American Revolution)
HIS 317L	Topics in United States History (Topic 15: Establishing America, 1565-1815)
HIS 355S	United States Constitutional History
PHL 347	Philosophy of Law
PHL 375M	Topics in Major Seminar (Topic 4: Philosophy of the First Amendment)
Area B: Western Civilization	
CIV 122	Topics in Western Civilization Research
CIV 322J	The Quest for Community
CIV 322K	Politics and the Transcendent
CIV 125	Topics in Civic Thought and Culture Research
CIV 364	Advanced Topics in Civic Thought and Culture
CIV 361	Advanced Topics in Western Civilization
CIV 373	Topics in Independent Research in Western Civilization
CTI 302/GOV 314E	Classics of Social and Political Thought
GOV 335D/PHL 342	Natural Law Theory
GOV 351C/CTI 320	The Classical Quest for Justice

GOV 351D/CTI 321	The Theoretical Foundations of Modern Politics
GOV 351G/CTI 322	Critics of Modern Liberalism
GOV 351J/CTI 323	Might and Right among Nations
GOV 351L/CTI 325	Morality and Politics
GOV 379G/CTI 330J	Jerusalem and Athens
PHL 342P	Four Modern Political Theories
PHL 356C	Contemporary Christian Philosophy
PHL 356D/CTI 335C	History of Christian Philosophy
PHL 329K	History of Ancient Philosophy
PHL 342	Topics in Political Philosophy
PHL 349	History of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
C C 348E/PHL 329C	Plato and His Philosophy
CTI 304	Topics in World Religions: Traditions and Texts (Topic 1)
or R S 315C	The Bible and Its Interpreters
Area C: Civic Leadership	
CIV 123	Topics in Ethics and Leadership Research
CIV 323J	Ethical Analysis for Civic Leaders
CIV 325K	Economic Analysis for Civic Leaders
CIV 126	Topics in Strategy and Statecraft Research
CIV 337	Policy Research Lab
CIV 362	Advanced Topics in Ethics and Leadership
CIV 365	Advanced Topics in Strategy and Statecraft
CIV 374	Topics in Independent Research in Civic Leadership
ECO 354M	Experimental Economics
HIS 365G	Topics in United States History (Topic 15: United States Military History)
HIS 333L	United States Foreign Relations, 1776-1914
HIS 333M	United States Foreign Relations, 1914 to the Present
LEB 320F	Foundations of Business Law and Ethics
MAN 320F	Foundations of Management and Organizational Behavior
MAN 327	Innovation and Entrepreneurship
PHL 322K	History of Ethics
PHL 325K	Ethical Theories
PHL 325N	Organizational Ethics
PPE 301	Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
PPE 320	Foundations of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
PPE 379	Capstone Course
3 hours chosen from P A international security policy courses	
3 hours chosen from P A issues in governance, leadership, and politics course	
CIV 375	Internship

or CIV 175J	Internship: Career Planning	
or CIV 175K	Internship: Leadership Development	
or CIV 175L	Internship: Reflection and Analysis	
CIV 379J & CIV 379K	Thesis I and Thesis II	6
Core Curriculum (42 hours)		
UGS 302	First-Year Signature Course ⁰⁹⁰	3
or UGS 303	First-Year Signature Course	
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing ⁰¹⁰	3
Communication Course ⁰¹⁰		3
HIS 315K	The United States, 1492-1865 ⁰⁶⁰	3
HIS 315L	The United States since 1865 ⁰⁶⁰	3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government ⁰⁷⁰	3
E 316L	British Literature ⁰⁴⁰	3
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
Natural Science and Technology, Part I ⁰³⁰		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I ⁰³⁰		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II ⁰⁹³		3
Visual and Performing Arts ⁰⁵⁰		3
The following specific program requirements also simultaneously satisfy core curriculum requirements:		
CIV 304	Foundations of Research Methods for Civics ⁰²⁰	
ECO 304K	Introduction to Microeconomics ⁰⁸⁰	
GOV 312P	Constitutional Principles: Core Texts ⁰⁷⁰	
Free Electives		12
Additional coursework to fulfill all degree requirements and reach a total of 120 semester hours.		
Total Hours		120
Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II		

† Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.