

Civics (CIV)

CIV 301 Perennial Problems in Civic Thought 3 Hours

Examine civic conflicts and controversies, with a view to understanding their root causes. Explore readings from classic and contemporary texts on political theory, ethics, and practice.

CIV 301C Being Human 3 Hours

Examine classic texts that explore what it means to be human and consider their implications for politics, economics, society, morality, and religion.

CIV 301D Pursuing Happiness 3 Hours

Survey social science research on the key determinants of human happiness and considers the implications of this research for civic life.

CIV 101J First Year Foundations I 1 Hour

Discuss foundations for success in life, college, and career. Develop skills for civic leadership, well-being, and academic scholarship.

CIV 101K First Year Foundations II 1 Hour

Discuss career discernment, explore career opportunities, and develop skills for civic leadership, internship, and career success.

CIV 302 Truth and Persuasion 3 Hours

Examine what humans can know, how they reason, what thinking is, and how humans communicate to persuade others. Discuss readings in logic, epistemology, and rhetoric including classical writers such as Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, and Quintilian as well as modern and contemporary thinkers and leaders, with emphasis on case studies of effective persuasion.

CIV 302C Classics of Social and Political Thought 3 Hours

Explores the origins of social scientific thought in the history of political philosophy and traces the development of one or more of the social sciences in modern times. Focuses on fundamental ideas about human nature, civil society, and politics, explored through reading such authors as Aristotle, Aquinas, Locke, Rousseau, Marx, Weber, Durkheim, and Freud.

CIV 303C Foundations of American Civics 3 Hours

Examine debates about constitutionalism and citizenship in American and Texas political experience. Investigate the philosophical and historic foundations of American institutions from the founding period through the contemporary era. Discuss the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

CIV 303J Origins of American Institutions 3 Hours

Examine the roots of American institutions and practices from ancient times (Greek city-states, the Mosaic law, Roman politics), medieval practices and institutions, English constitutional history (Magna Carta, Glorious Revolution), and the Enlightenment (Locke, Montesquieu, Sydney). Discuss the American colonial experiment in self-government. Explore the Revolution, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitutional convention. Address the early republic and significant constitutional moments in American experience.

CIV 303K Democracy and Capitalism 3 Hours

Examine classical liberal thought as it relates to political and economic liberty. Investigate how classical liberal ideas about political and economic liberty influence the modern development of democracy and capitalism. Explore potential tensions between democracy and capitalism. Study empirical evidence and classic writings on relationship between democracy, capitalism, and human flourishing.

CIV 304 Foundations of Research Methods for Civics 3 Hours

Introduction to statistical methods used in civics with emphasis on concepts and applications. Utilize a variety of real data to discuss key concepts, such as sampling distributions and basic data analyses.

CIV 305 Excellence of Character: The Virtues 3 Hours

Investigate the nature, grounds, and consequences of moral excellence in political communities. Discuss close reading of classical texts (such as Aristotle, Marcus Aurelius, Cicero, Aquinas), contemporary philosophical analysis (such as Foot, Anscombe, MacIntyre), results of scientific research, and reflections on history, biography, and literature (such as Shakespeare, Austen). Focus on application to contemporary problems.

CIV 109, 209, 309 Topics in Civics 1-3 Hours

CIV 310K Ethics and Leadership in Ancient Greek Drama 3 Hours

Study selected plays of Sophocles, Euripides, Aeschylus, Aristophanes, and others with a focus on themes of virtue, justice, and leadership qualities.

CIV 310L Ethics and Leadership in Shakespeare's Drama 3 Hours

Study selected plays of Shakespeare, focusing on themes virtue, justice, and leadership qualities.

CIV 312P Constitutional Principles: Core Texts 3 Hours

Close readings from primary texts that have shaped or that reflect deeply upon American democracy, including the Declaration of Independence, The Federalist Papers, and Tocqueville's Democracy in America.

CIV 313 Civic Leadership: Global Perspectives 3 Hours

Discuss classic and contemporary texts on civic leadership from a range of cultures and periods, including different ways of understanding, organizing, and leading in civic life.

CIV 119S, 219S, 319S, 419S, 519S, 619S, 719S, 819S, 919S Topics in Civics 1-9 Hours

This course is used to record credit the student earns while enrolled at another institution in a program administered by the University's Study Abroad Office. Credit is recorded as assigned by the study abroad adviser in the School of Civic Leadership. University credit is awarded for work in an exchange program; it may be counted as coursework taken in residence. Transfer credit is awarded for work in an affiliated studies program. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary.

CIV 320 Constitutionalism: Ancient and Modern 3 Hours

Examine the ancient and medieval origins of modern constitutionalism. Explore the works of authors such as Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Machiavelli, Montaigne, Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Gibbon, Hamilton, Madison, Tocqueville, Thoreau, Marx, Mill, Arendt, Berlin, Rawls, and Nozick.

CIV 121 Topics in Constitutional History and Principles Research 1 Hour

CIV 121.1 Constitutional History and Principles Research 1 Hour

CIV 321J Economics and Constitutionalism 3 Hours

Investigate economic growth as a function of constitutions that protect the rule of law and well-defined property rights. Examine social and economic outcomes under different rules. Explore constitutional disputes over economic issues such as taxation, eminent domain, labor law, and regulation. Consider how different constitutional arrangements affect economic well-being.

CIV 122 Topics in Western Civilization Research 1 Hour

CIV 122.1 Western Civilization Research 1 Hour

CIV 322J The Quest for Community 3 Hours

Examine how human communities are structured, and how this structure can foster or distort moral character and promote or obstruct happiness. Explore socialization; social capital; the role of rituals, symbols, hierarchy, historical memory, arts and literature, and religion. Discuss readings from classical texts and from contemporary sociology, social psychology, political theory, history, and literature.

CIV 322K Politics and the Transcendent 3 Hours

Examine the relationship between theology (both revealed and natural) and political theory in the Western world. Discuss the political significance of theological ideas such as the proposition that all human beings are created equal; that all human beings are created in the image of God; beliefs in divine providence and judgment; metaphysical foundations of natural law and free will.

CIV 123 Topics in Ethics and Leadership Research 1 Hour

CIV 123.1 Ethics and Leadership Research 1 Hour

CIV 323J Ethical Analysis for Civic Leaders 3 Hours

Analyze the ethical challenges civic leaders face. Explore different ethical frameworks for approaching the responsibility of civic leadership. Discuss case studies of leaders and difficult leadership decisions through biographies, historical studies, and films.

CIV 124 Topics in Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law Research 1 Hour

CIV 124.1 Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law Research 1 Hour

CIV 125 Topics in Civic Thought and Culture Research 1 Hour

CIV 125.1 Civic Thought and Culture Research 1 Hour

CIV 325K Economic Analysis for Civic Leaders 3 Hours

Discuss a practical application of the studies of strategic behavior to leadership. Examine games leaders must play and strategies they can use to orient a team toward a common goal.

CIV 126 Topics in Strategy and Statecraft Research 1 Hour

CIV 126.1 Strategy and Statecraft Research 1 Hour

CIV 129S, 229S, 329S, 429S, 529S, 629S, 729S, 829S, 929S Topics in Civics 1-9 Hours

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CIV 331F American Political Economy 3 Hours

Survey the ideas that have structured the American economic system and the implications of these ideas for civic life and citizenship. Explore the philosophical and theoretical questions of political economy, as well as the policy challenges of the modern welfare state and globalization. Discuss readings that may include Adam Smith, Alexander Hamilton, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as well as modern economists and social scientists.

CIV 337 Policy Research Lab 3 Hours

Introduction to statistics, econometrics, and data science as tools necessary for policy and social science research. Discuss policy questions as well as policy and social science tools to evaluate those questions. Apply these tools to real-world data to answer crucial policy questions. Investigate appropriate data usage, employ cutting-edge statistical tools, and evaluate how to use these tools to understand the world.

CIV 357L Amending the United States Constitution 3 Hours

Examine the evolution of the United States Constitution from the founding to the present, with a focus on the major forces and fault lines that have made the Constitution today one of the world's most difficult to amend.

CIV 360 Advanced Topics in Constitutional History and Principles 3 Hours

Analyze the history of the writing, approval, development, and interpretation of the United States Constitution.

CIV 360.1 Advanced Constitutional History and Principles 3 Hours

CIV 361 Advanced Topics in Western Civilization 3 Hours

Discuss one or more great works influencing the development of the Western intellectual tradition by such authors as Sophocles, Herodotus, Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Tacitus, Augustine, Aquinas, and Dante.

CIV 361.1 Advanced Western Civilization 3 Hours

CIV 362 Advanced Topics in Ethics and Leadership 3 Hours

Discuss an advanced study of ethical considerations in leadership and ethical resources for leadership.

CIV 362.1 Advanced Ethics and Leadership 3 Hours

CIV 363 Advanced Topics in Rights, Freedoms, and the Rule of Law 3 Hours

Discuss an advanced study of topics in rights, freedoms, and the rule of law.

CIV 363.1 Advanced Rights, Freedom, and the Rule of Law 3 Hours

CIV 364 Advanced Topics in Civic Thought and Culture 3 Hours

Discuss an advanced study of topics in civic thought and culture.

CIV 364.1 Advanced Civic Thought and Culture 3 Hours

CIV 365 Advanced Topics in Strategy and Statecraft 3 Hours

Discuss an advanced study of topics in strategy and statecraft.

CIV 365.1 Advanced Strategy and Statecraft 3 Hours

CIV 166, 266, 366 Advanced Topics in Civics 1-3 Hours

CIV 367 Advanced Topics in Readings in Civic Thought 3 Hours

Discuss advanced topics that examine a single major work in civics, significant theme in civics, or select works of a significant author in civics.

CIV 367.1 Readings in Civic Thought 3 Hours

CIV 372 Topics in Independent Research in Constitutionalism 3 Hours

CIV 373 Topics in Independent Research in Western Civilization 3 Hours

CIV 374 Topics in Independent Research in Civic Leadership 3 Hours

CIV 375 Internship 3 Hours

Develop resume, cover letters, job search profiles, networking, and interviewing techniques. Build skills for internship, including how to think, how to lead, and how to follow. Study ethical and strategic exemplars in leadership. Analyze ethical and strategic lessons of internship.

CIV 175J Internship: Career Planning 1 Hour

Address issues related to career planning to establish an internship search. Develop resume, cover letters, job search profiles, networking, and interviewing techniques. Conduct informational interviews. Apply for internships.

CIV 175K Internship: Leadership Development 1 Hour

Build skills for internship, including how to think, how to lead, and how to follow. Understand workplace cultures. Study ethical and strategic exemplars in leadership.

CIV 175L Internship: Reflection and Analysis 1 Hour

Write substantial reflection that connects internship experience with themes in civics coursework. Analyze ethical and strategic lessons of internship.

CIV 177I Internship in Civic Leadership 1 Hour

Participate in a professional internship in civic leadership. Reflect on internship to improve ability to both articulate preferences and skills, and to match them with appropriate career-related choices.

CIV 278I Internship in Civic Leadership 2 Hours

Participate in a professional internship in civic leadership. Reflect on internship to improve ability to both articulate preferences and skills, and to match them with appropriate career-related choices.

CIV 379 Internship in Civic Leadership 3 Hours

Perform fieldwork in research and analysis related to civic leadership.

CIV 379J Thesis I 3 Hours

Capstone of the civics honor degree. Develop and defend a coherent and persuasive argument on a significant question.

CIV 379K Thesis II 3 Hours

Capstone of the civics honors degree. Develop and defend a coherent and persuasive argument on a significant question.

CIV 379L Capstone in Civics 3 Hours