

Civics & Humanities Minor

CENTER FOR AMERICAN
CIVIC LEADERSHIP &
PUBLIC DISCOURSE



What makes societies free, prosperous, and fair?



How do individuals and politics promote prosperity?



Is morality defined by human rights, or does it transcend them?

Overview of the Civics & Humanities Minor:

- Covers American Founding and Re-Founding Documents and its intellectual and humanistic inheritance
- Ideal for students who want to learn great ideas of leadership

What the minor offers students:

- Familiarity with the great, perennial problems facing human societies and individuals
- The experience articulating and debating those ideas carefully and respectfully

Completion of the minor (18 hours) will satisfy the South Carolina REACH Act requirement, which applies to all undergraduates

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Must take 2 of the following:

AFAM 200: Freedom Papers: Narratives of Race and Nation*
HIST 111: United States History to 1865*
HIST 201: Founding Documents*
PHIL 102: Introduction to Philosophy*
POLI 201: American National Government*

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

Must take 4 of the following from at least 2 different departments:

AFAM 331: Black Experience in the U.S. to 1865*
AFAM 335: The American Civil Rights Movement
ENGL 381: The Renaissance*
ENGL 382: The Enlightenment
ENGL 390: Great Books of the Western World I*
ENGL 405: Shakespeare's Tragedies*
ENGL 406: Shakespeare's Comedies and Histories

ENGL 407: Milton
ENGL 420: American Literature to 1830
HIST 205: Legal History
HIST 370: Origins of Capitalism 2
HIST 373: History of Freedom*
HIST 469: Constitutional History of the U.S.
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PHIL 301: Ancient Philosophy*
PHIL 302: Hellenistic Philosophy
PHIL 304: Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Philosophy
PHIL 329: Law and Religion*
PHIL 335: Disobedience, Dissent, and Revolution
PHIL 531: Jurisprudence*
POLI 300: Social and Political Philosophy
POLI 302: Classical and Medieval Political Theory
POLI 303: Modern Political Theory*
POLI 304: Contemporary Political Theory*
POLI 340: The Conduct and Formulation of U.S. Foreign Policy*
POLI 450: Constitutional Law I: Institutional Powers*
POLI 451: Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties*

** courses offered during Fall 2026*

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*You are the foundation
of the Republic*