

The Ohio State University
Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society
Civics, Law, and Leadership Minor (CIVICLL-MN)

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The multidisciplinary Civics, Law, and Leadership minor introduces students to the great texts and ongoing debates that form the intellectual foundation of free societies, especially that of the United States. It teaches students about the principles, ideals, and institutions of the American constitutional order, including important legal questions and debates as well as the foundations of responsible civic leadership and the skill of civil and civic-minded dialogue. A Civics, Law, and Leadership minor can supplement any number of liberal arts or professional majors to help train students to effectively exercise citizenship and civic leadership within a constitutional republic governed by the rule of law.

Required core courses (2 courses; 6 CH)

1. CIVICLL 2000 Can We Rule Ourselves? (3)

-AND-

2. One of the following:

CIVICLL 2110 American Creeds and Conflicts (3)

-OR-

CIVICLL 2120 American Civic Traditions (3)

-OR-

CIVICLL 2130 America's Foundational Debates (3)

Elective courses (3 courses; 9 CH)

Choose **one** course from **each** of the three categories below. **At least two** of the three courses must be at the 3000-level or higher.

1. **American Constitutionalism (1 course; 3CH)**

CIVICLL 2420 The Evolution of Citizenship in America, 1775-1920 (3)

CIVICLL 3430 Law and Economics (3)

CIVICLL 4450 Debates in American Constitutionalism (3)

LAW 4030 An Introduction to the American Legal System (3)

LAW 4035 Understanding Jurisprudence: An Introduction to Legal Theory (3)

POLITSC 4135(E) American Constitutional Law (3).

2. **American Leadership (1 course; 3 CH)**

CIVICLL 3550 Presidential Crises in War and Peace (3)

CIVICLL 3560 Profiles in American Leadership (3)

CIVICLL 3570 Thinking Well and Leading Well (3)

3. **The Good/Civic Life (1 course; 3 CH)**

ARTSSCI 2400(E) Conversations on Morality, Politics, and Society (3)

CIVICLL 2200 The Pursuit of Happiness (3)

CIVICLL 2210 Freedom and Equality in American Literature (3)

CIVICLL 3212(E) Christianity, Government, and Law (3)

CIVICLL 3250 Love and Friendship (3)

CIVICLL 3300(E) How Politics Breaks Your Brain (3).

CIVICLL 3310 American Religion(s): Fractures & Foundations (3).

CIVICLL 3340 Science Fiction and Civics (3)

Civics, Law, and Leadership minor program guidelines

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 CH must be upper-division courses as defined by the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer and credit and or/ credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Declaring the Minor Students should see their assigned academic advisor to declare the minor prior to the filing of the graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Chase Center to declare the minor.

Approval of Coursework

Initial approval of the minor coursework:

Students who complete the minor following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor that the minor appears complete in the degree auditing system. No approval from the Chase Center is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the minor program:

Students must obtain the approval of the Chase Center to apply courses not listed on this form toward the Civics, Law, and Leadership minor. Please e-mail Jeremy Fortier (fortier.28@osu.edu) to request approval.

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