

# **Constitutional Studies Certificate – Embedded**

## **Program Description**

The certificate in Constitutional Studies will concentrate on the development of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, their interpretation by judges through judicial decisions, and how the constitutional doctrines of federalism, enumerated powers, separation of powers, and the rule of law apply to the national and state governments. The capstone class, the American Legal System, will then examine broader considerations of how fundamental law has acted to define the powers of government and also sought to limit those powers through the institution of civil rights and civil liberties.



This program is a part of the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

## **Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies**

### Admission Requirements

This program does not have specific admission requirements and only Admissions to Kennesaw State University is required.

### Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in the Academic Policies: 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION. The Certificate in Constitutional Studies is awarded upon graduation and students must have a 3.00 overall Grade Point Average in classwork and complete certificate coursework with a 3.00 average or better. Students must also successfully complete a paper incorporating U.S. Constitutional law in the POLS 4410 class as an assessment of achieving significant knowledge of constitutional law.

## **Program Course Requirements**

### **Required Courses (6 Credit Hours)**

Students must complete six hours (two courses) to complete the core requirements of the certificate.

- POLS 3315: American Constitutional Law: Federalism  
or
- POLS 4415: Civil Liberties

- POLS 4410: American Legal System

Writing Requirement:

In order to complete the certificate, students must develop a senior level research paper that addresses constitutional issues. The student must submit the paper to certificate coordinator and Legal Studies faculty for approval and successfully present its contents. The research paper can be a revised upper division paper that has been previously submitted in a certificate class or senior seminar.

**Electives (6 Credit Hours)**

Students must complete six hours (two courses) from the following list of courses:

- POLS 4405: Comparative Legal Systems
- POLS 4411: Criminal Law
- POLS 4420: Judicial Process
- POLS 4429: Legal Theory & Philosophy
- POLS 4466: Trial Procedure and Evidence
- POLS 4416: Law and Gender

**Program Total (12 Credit Hours)**