

In this course Mr. Racer will present an in-depth yet broad understanding of the U.S. Constitution of 1787. The student will be able to 1) have a clear grasp of the provisions, terms, clauses, and principles of the Constitution and 2) learn contemporary applications of Constitutional provisions in the context of current events and court rulings.

The course has five academic goals.

1. To provide a historical and foundational point of view upon which the Founders wrote the Constitution.
2. To provide in-depth knowledge of the clauses and provisions of the U.S. Constitution as originally intended by the Founding Fathers.
3. To provide a framework of understanding about how the Constitution has evolved over time.
4. To find and apply the Constitution to various court cases, both historical and pending.
5. To identify how the Constitution continues to provide order for society and protections for individuals.

Textbooks

In all cases, Mr. Racer will be assigning portions of books. Parents, however, may wish to secure a copy of *The Federalist Papers* – available as a free, downloadable PDF. As for the balance of the other books, it is optional for parents to purchase them. Mr. Racer will provide snippets of the books as needed as PDF readable documents.

The Federalist Papers – Selected Readings

The Original Constitution: What it Actually Said and Means, by Robert G. Nesbitt

Leviticus v Leviathan: By Wayne Holstad, JD

Defending the Declaration, by Gary Amos

America's Creed, by Dave Racer

Other assigned reading