

REACH ACT

South Carolina

General Assembly Requirements

(to take effect for new students in Fall 2021)



UNIVERSITY OF

South Carolina

REINFORCING COLLEGE EDUCATION ON AMERICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE ACT

Instruction in the essentials of the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Federalist Papers, and the study of American institutions and history, including African-American history, and ideals

Public institutions of higher learning must ensure that the requirements of this section are incorporated into the degree requirements of all undergraduate degree programs in a manner that:

- does not add to the total number of credit hours for any degree; and
- does not conflict with any school accreditation process.

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/35.htm

REACH ACT: SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIREMENTS

Complete no fewer than **three credit hours**, or their equivalent, in the subject of American government. Each undergraduate student must be required to:

- read the **United States Constitution** in its entirety;
- read the **Declaration of Independence** in its entirety;
- read the **Emancipation Proclamation** in its entirety;
- read a minimum of **five essays** in their entirety from the **Federalist Papers** as selected by an instructor; and
- pass a **comprehensive examination**, testing for student proficiency in the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the Federalist Papers.

EXEMPTION:

Three semester credit hours, or their equivalent, in an **Advanced Placement or dual-credit course** with a passing grade in the subject of American government, provided that the completed three semester credit hours, or their equivalent, in an Advanced Placement or dual-credit course **satisfy the requirements** of subsection (B)(1).

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Insert the following blurb right after Carolina Core Courses and before Special Academic Opportunities in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Other Requirements

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective.

COURSES THAT COVER OR COULD EASILY BE MODIFIED TO COVER THE MATERIAL OUTLINED IN THE REACH ACT.

- **POLI 201** – American National Government (GSS, VSR, No prereqs)
- **POLI 300** – Social and Political Philosophy
- **POLI 304** – Contemporary Political Theory
- **POLI 450** – Constitutional Law (no prereqs)
- **POLI 451** – Civil Liberties (No prereqs)
- **POLI 452** – The Judicial Process (No prereqs)
- **POLI 503** – American Political Thought (No Prereqs)
- **POLI 554** – Law and Society (No prereqs)
- **HIST 111** – US History to 1865 (GHS, no prereqs)
- **HIST 112** – US History since 1865 (GHS)
- **HIST 201** – American Founding Documents (No prereqs) (Online course)
- **HIST 469** – Constitutional History of the US I (No prereqs)
- **HIST 470** – Constitutional History of the US II (No Prereqs)
- **AFAM 353** - Introduction to U.S. Racial and Ethnic Politics (GLD, no Prereqs, cross-listed with POLI 353)
- **AFAM 331** - Black Experience in the United States to 1865 (GLD, no prereqs, cross listed with HIST 211)
- **AFAM 200** – Freedom Papers: Principles of Race and Nation (new course approved fall 2019)

INTEGRATIVE COURSES IN THE BULLETIN

- Not designated on individual course listings
- Accessible and searchable on the [Carolina Core Courses](#) page of the bulletin

THANKS!