



Kinder Institute Residential College

Admission & Scholarship Application

About the Kinder Institute Residential College

Founded in 2019, the Kinder Institute Residential College (KIRC) is a joint venture of the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, MU College of Arts & Science, and Department of Residential Life, which offers incoming, first-year Mizzou students the opportunity to forge a close-knit intellectual community as soon as they get to campus. Designed for undergraduates who have a passion for thinking about and discussing history and politics—and who want to find peers who share that passion—participants in the KIRC live together in Wolpers Hall; take classes together during the fall and spring semesters on the origins of constitutional democracy in the United States with Kinder Institute faculty; and have a chance to enjoy the many extracurricular activities organized by the program’s Faculty and Collegiate Fellows. More information can be found at <https://democracy.missouri.edu/undergraduate/kinder-institute-residential-college>.

Atterbury, Morgan, and Kinder Scholarships

The Kinder Institute is excited to be able to offer both need- and merit-based scholarships ranging from \$500-\$2,500 to students who sign up to take part in the KIRC. All scholarship recipients must commit to the following two conditions: (1) residence in Wolpers Hall for the duration of the academic year that they are part of the Residential College; and (2) enrollment in the two fall classes associated with the KIRC, along with the one-credit hour fall-semester FIG class, and at least one of the KIRC’s spring classes.

Application Process

*The application is **required** for scholarship consideration and **strongly encouraged** for KIRC admission*

To apply for a KIRC Scholarship, students must first choose “Kinder Institute Residential College” on MU’s online housing preference form and then submit the information below (I-III) to Kinder Institute Academic Advisor Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu, by December 31, for early consideration, or by the regular March 1 deadline. Application materials should be submitted in a single MS Word document or PDF.

I. An academic resume that includes: Name and location of high school; ACT and/or SAT scores; GPA; AP, IB, or dual-credit courses taken; extracurricular activities; and work or volunteer experience.

II. Responses of 350-500 words to **each** of the following two essay questions:

- What does civic education mean to you and what do you see as the most significant obstacles it faces in the present day?
- Of the Constitutional Democracy B.A.’s four concentration areas—U.S. & the World, Politics & Policy, Law & Institutions, Social & Political Thought—which would you choose and why?

III. Please note whether you have been accepted into the MU Honors College and whether you have declared or intend to declare the Constitutional Democracy major.

Deadline and Notes

Scholarship applications open on October 1, 2020, with **an early admission deadline of December 31, 2020**. Meeting the early admission deadline will ensure that you have a spot in the Residential College in the event that applications exceed available space (40 students). Early admission candidates will be notified of their scholarship status by the end of January. **Applications will remain open through March 1, 2021**, and all students who meet the March deadline will be notified of their admission and scholarship status by April 1, 2021.

All applicants are required to select “Kinder Institute Residential College” on the Department of Residential Life’s online housing preference form, which opens in November. Students unable to live in Wolpers Hall where the KIRC is housed should contact Dr. Thomas Kane, KaneTC@missouri.edu, with any questions.

While preference will be given to applicants who have declared the Constitutional Democracy major, admission into the KIRC and consideration for scholarships is **in no way** limited to students pursuing this B.A.

Kinder Institute Residential College Curriculum

The curriculum for the KIRC was designed to introduce participants to intellectual life at the Kinder Institute through coursework that embodies our scholarly mission to engage students and members of the community in exploration of the philosophical and historical origins of the United States, as well as how these origins have reverberated over time and around the globe.

In the fall, members of the KIRC co-enroll in CNST_DEM 2450: Intellectual World of the American Founders, a small, discussion-based seminar which examines the political philosophers and philosophies that influenced the founding generation, and HIST 2150: The American Civil War, A Global History, a lecture class that takes a transnational approach to considering the Civil War.

In the spring, KIRC participants have the option to take CNST_DEM 2100: The Revolutionary Transformation of Early America, another small, discussion-based seminar that focuses on the ideas and events of the independence movement and ensuing Revolutionary War, and/or an elective class in one of the Constitutional Democracy B.A.’s four concentration areas.

All courses associated with the Kinder Institute Residential College can be applied to the B.A. in Constitutional Democracy, and students who complete all four will be immediately eligible to receive a Certificate in Constitutional Democracy.