The Kinder Institute Constitution Camp is an academic summer program for Missouri high school students who are passionate about civic education and who want to spend a week during July diving deeply into the study of American political history and political thought alongside Mizzou faculty members.

The camp, which will be take place this year from July 11-15, 2022, on the Mizzou campus in Columbia, is organized around a series of discussion-based seminars through which students explore the history, theory, and design of the U.S. Constitution and use this examination of the nation’s past to assess constitutional questions that we face in the present. The 2022 Constitution Camp will look at topics including:

- The Constitutional Convention
- Separation of Powers and the Control of the Effects of Faction
- Founding Mothers
- Slavery and the Constitution
- The Bill of Rights
- The Supreme Court

Application Instructions and Eligibility

Students interested in participating in the 2022 Constitution Camp will need to provide the following materials by the March 31, 2022, deadline: (1) A 500-word essay describing why you are interested in attending; (2) A copy of your current high school transcript; (3) A letter of recommendation, sent separately by the letter writer, from a teacher or adult mentor (other than a parent).

Application components should be submitted electronically to Constitution Camp Faculty Coordinator Dr. Rudy Hernandez, HernandezRK@missouri.edu, using 2022 KINDER CAMP (for students) or 2022 KINDER CAMP REC (for letter writers) as a subject line. All rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

Registration Fee, Lodging, and Board

A non-refundable fee of $100 will be required of accepted applicants to reserve a place. Aside from travel to and from Columbia, all other expenses associated with the program, including meals, lodging, and program materials, will be covered by the Kinder Institute. Some assistance with the registration fee is available for those with financial need.

Students will be housed in campus residence halls for the duration of the camp, with Residential Advisors in the dorms to advise and assist them. In addition to daily seminars, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational activities, including cultural excursions, film screenings, and more.