



## Kinder Institute Program Run-Down

Big Point: Center the focuses on studying the complicated history of democracies around the globe through a wide variety of programs: degrees (B.A., Minor, Cert), study abroad, a summer academic internship program in D.C., a living-and-learning community for first-year students, and more.

- In other words, you could make your time at the Kinder Institute a four-year experience, where you get involved right when you get to campus, or pick and choose your way through programs that interest you most.

[Program descriptions ordered in terms of what a four-year experience *might* look like]

Kinder Institute Democracy Lab (name pending, formerly the Kinder Institute Residential College): A living-and-learning community, a la a FIG, for students who share a passion for thinking and talking about history and politics:

- Two 20-student cohorts, one Honors (likely living in Mark Twain) and one non-Honors (living in Wolpers), that study with Kinder Institute faculty for both the fall and spring semesters of their first year (i.e., longer than your average one-semester FIG)
- Take small, discussion-based, seminar-style classes (20 student enrollment cap) that look at the revolutionary and philosophical origins of the United States
  - For Honors students, this study extends beyond the U.S. by looking at democratic revolutions and constitution-making over time and around the globe through taking the first two classes in the newly re-booted Constitutional Democracy honors sequence
- Academic and social extracurricular programming hosted throughout the academic year
- A yearlong, one-credit hour (per semester) FIG proseminar with a second semester that looks at campus history
- Scholarship applications open to all students who select “Kinder Institute Democracy Lab” on their online housing preference form
- Get a head start on the Constitutional Democracy B.A., and potentially complete the American Constitutional Democracy Certificate, during your first year

Society of Fellows: Application-based, yearlong academic fellowship program through which students forge a close-knit intellectual community devoted to exploring democratic politics and culture from a wide variety of angles

- Apply in spring of your first, second, or third-year on campus
- All-expenses-paid, interdisciplinary summer conference at the Tiger Hotel in August where students attend two full days of seminars, discussions, lectures, lunches, and dinners with faculty from across a wide spectrum of disciplines: History, Political Science, Law, Economics, Music, Theatre, Communications, Education, and more

- As an example of what they study at the conference, this year's program includes sessions on the origins of American music, Latin American Marxism, the legacy of the Monroe Doctrine, a panel on democracy and community health, and more
- Monthly events that range from dinner lectures, to a breakfast reading group, to jazz concerts, to museum visit
- Priority access to enroll in the Journal on Constitutional Democracy class, a yearlong, thesis-training course (two hours in the fall, one in the spring) through which students compose and publish an independent research/writing project (in other words you research, write, and revise one paper over the course of a year)

Kinder Scholars D.C. Summer Program: 10 weeks in D.C. interning, taking a course on American political history from the beginning of the nation to the present, and exploring one of the nation's most vibrant cities

- Apply in fall of your second or third year on campus (you go to D.C. the summer after your sophomore or junior year)
- Intern Monday through Thursday. In the past, students have interned on Capitol Hill, of course, but also at media outlets (NBC, NPR), museums and archives (the National Archives, the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers, the Fred Smith Library at Mount Vernon), think tanks (Federalist Society), policy research centers (American Federation of Teachers), PR firms, government agencies (NEH, Department of Labor, Federal Reserve), non-profits, and even the National Zoo
- Seminar-style class (HIST/POL\_SC/CNST\_DEM 4900) every Thursday evening that looks at critical moments in American political history with a different professor flying out each week to teach a session
  - Fulfills the experiential requirement for the Constitutional Democracy B.A. and American Constitutional Democracy Minor
- Field trip pairing with the class that allows students to experience where history was made. When you study Jefferson, you go to Monticello; when you study the Civil War, you go to Gettysburg; when you study the federal bureaucracy, you go to the CIA; etc.
- Housing covered for the full ten weeks of the program (the eight-week summer semester + a week on either end) and a living stipend provided to all participants
  - Need-based scholarships also available to help with travel and/or tuition

Global History at Oxford: Taught every spring on campus by Kinder Institute Director Jay Sexton, this is an upper level seminar (HIST 4075 or 4075H), that focuses on the history of empires around the globe, as well as the modern legacies of imperialism, and includes a Spring Break trip to the U.K. to study at Oxford with distinguished faculty there and soak in the history and culture of one of the world's most storied institutions of higher education

- Open to all MU undergrads, apply through the International Center by November 1 each year
- Four-credit hours for the course
  - Fulfills the experiential requirement for the Constitutional Democracy B.A. and American Constitutional Democracy Minor
- Need-based travel scholarships available
- Meet distinguished Mizzou grads through the alumni trip to Oxford that runs parallel to the undergrad Oxford trip

Race & Politics in South Africa: January intersession study abroad trip to study the history and legacies of apartheid at University of the Western Cape in Cape Town

- Two weeks abroad—which includes an optional safari at Kruger—followed by students completing an independent project during the spring semester with a faculty advisor
- Fulfills the experiential requirement for the Constitutional Democracy B.A. and American Constitutional Democracy Minor
  - Also cross-listed HIST and BL\_STU, with an Honors option (4835 or 4835H)
- Need-based travel scholarships available

B.A. in Constitutional Democracy: An interdisciplinary, 36-credit hour degree that gives students the freedom to tailor their study of democracy to what they're most interested in

- 15 hours of required coursework on the philosophical foundations and early history of democracy in the U.S., all taught in small, discussion-based format (20 student enrollment cap), and four out of five courses have Honors options
- 15 hours of elective coursework in one of four concentration areas: U.S. & the World, Politics & Policy, Law & Institutions, and Social & Political Thought
  - Each concentration area contains classes from multiple departments—History, Poli Sci, Economics, Women's & Gender Studies, Black Studies, Philosophy, Public Affairs—which students can mix and match to create a unique curriculum that allows them to focus on, and refine their knowledge of, a specific aspect of the global history and practice of democracy
- Required experiential component (3 hours) that can be fulfilled through for-credit internships, study abroad classes, the Journal on Constitutional Democracy course, the course associated with our D.C. Summer Program, or our spring-semester Constitutional Litigation course, which includes spring break in D.C.
- Capstone can be fulfilled with a thesis, senior seminar, or 4000-level course in students' concentration area
- A natural, easy double major for students studying History or Poli Sci and the perfect preparation for our one-year M.A. in Atlantic History & Politics, which includes a full month of study at Oxford each July
- The curriculum for the Minor (15 credit hours) and Certificate (12 credit hours) contain all courses associated with the B.A.