

CORNERSTONE

INSTITUTE FOR CIVIC THOUGHT

NEW COURSE



SCLA 210

Introduction to Civic Thought

Explore the ideas that shaped America's constitutional republic and continue to influence civic life today. Through transformative texts—philosophic writings, founding documents, speeches, and legal briefs—you'll examine enduring questions of equality, justice, and liberty.

BIG QUESTIONS:

- What do the principles of life, liberty, property, and happiness mean in history?
- What roles do the branches of government and citizens play in constitutional interpretation?
- What values and virtues should unite liberals and conservatives today?

CLASS SECTIONS:

CRN	Time and Date	Location
25628-004	MWF 2:30p-3:20p	WALC 3122
25626-002	MWF 3:30p-4:20p	WALC 3148
25627-003	MWF 2:30p-3:20p	BRNG 1242
25624-001	MWF 3:30p-4:20p	BRNG 1242
25632-006	TTh 9:00a-10:15a	UNIV 107
25631-005	TTh 10:30a-11:45a	UNIV 107

WHY THIS COURSE?

- Understand the roots of American democracy and its modern challenges
- Read the Founders and the same classic texts that inspired them Practice defending ideas with clarity and integrity
- Fulfill Purdue's civic literacy graduate requirement

SCLA 21000 also fulfills 3 of the 15 credit hours for Purdue's nationally recognized Cornerstone Certificate Program.