

## **Utah Valley University**

### **Master of Arts in Constitutional Government, Civics & Law**

- A minimum of 30 total credit hours required for completion
- 21 hours of required courses
- 9 hours of elective courses
- Teaching Track or
- Research Track

#### **Matriculation Requirements**

- Application for admission to graduate program with application fee by the established deadline.
- Submit official transcripts from all universities attended.
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university, a nationally accredited program, or the international equivalent.
- A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate work.
- Submission of admissions essay
- Submission of one to three letters of recommendation
- International students must also meet all US government requirements for international students.
- The university uses a selective admissions process for admitting students to graduate programs. Meeting minimum admissions criteria does not guarantee admission to the graduate program or to the University as a graduate student.

#### **Teaching Track Required Courses (21 hours, each course's credit hours listed in parentheses)**

- CGCL 6100 | Foundations of American Constitutionalism (3)
- CGCL 6200 | Foundations of American Democracy (2)
- CGCL 6300 | Foundations of American Liberty (2)
- CGCL 6400 | American Political Development (2)
- CGCL 6110 | Structures of Government in American Constitutional Law (3)
- CGCL 6120 | Rights and Liberties in American Constitutional Law (3)
- EDUC 6320 | 21st Century Instruction and Assessment (3)
- EDUC 6400 | Contemporary Issues in Teacher Leadership (3)

#### **Electives (9 hours, chosen from these courses, all taught every other Summer semester)**

- CGCL 6160 | Roots of the American Regime (2)
- CGCL 6180 | Constitutional Interpretation (2)
- CGCL 6190 | Constitutional Law in Education (2)
- CGCL 6310 | Early American Political Thought (3)
- CGCL 6320 | Modern American Political Thought (3)

- CGCL 6420 | The Presidency in American Political Development (2)
- CGCL 6430 | The Supreme Court in American Political Government (2)
- CGCL 6440 | Parties in American Political Development (2)
- CGCL 697R | Master's Thesis Research (3, supervised at Oxford)

### **Research Track Requirements**

- Same courses as Teaching Track but will substitute CGCL 697R for EDUC 6320 and another instance of CGCL 697R for EDUC 6400
- Submit and defend a thesis

### **Sample Degree Map**

- First Year, Semester 1 (Summer)
  - CGCL 6100 | Foundations of American Constitutionalism (UVU)
  - CGCL 6200 | Foundations of American Democracy (Online)
  - CGCL 6300 | Foundations of American Liberty (Online)
  - CGCL 6400 | American Political Development (Online)
- First Year, Semester 2 (Fall)
  - EDUC 6320 | 21st Century Instruction and Assessment (Online)
  - CGCL 6110 | Structures of Government in American Constitutional Law (Online)
  - \*CGCL 697R | Master's Thesis Research (Oxford)  
\*Thesis Track only
- First Year, Semester 3 (Spring)
  - EDUC 6400 | Contemporary Issues in Teacher Leadership (Online)
  - CGCL 6120 | Rights and Liberties in American Constitutional Law (Online)
- Second Year, Semester 4 (Summer)
  - CGCL 6310 | Early American Political Thought (Online)
  - CGCL 6180 | Constitutional Interpretation (Online)
  - CGCL 6160 | Roots of the American Regime (Oxford)
  - CGCL 6430 | The Supreme Court in American Political Development (Oxford)

### **Graduation Requirements**

- A minimum of 30 credit hours shall be completed for the degree.
- Graduate coursework shall be completed within a six-year period.

- Credit for courses in which a student earns a grade of B– or lower shall not be applied to the master’s degree.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher shall be maintained in graduate program courses in order to earn the master’s degree.
- Graduate credits accepted from another regionally accredited institution or equivalent shall have been completed within four years of the graduate student’s matriculation into the graduate program and cannot be older than six years at the time of graduation with a master’s degree or graduate certificate from Utah Valley University.
- A minimum of 20 of graduate credit hours for the degree must be completed at Utah Valley University.

### **Contact Information**

- Mia Kang, Ph.D. | School of Education Director of Graduate Studies, ME 112C, [mia.kang@uvu.edu](mailto:mia.kang@uvu.edu)
- Verlan Lewis, Ph.D. | Stirling Professor of Constitutional Studies, CB 401R, [ylewis@uvu.edu](mailto:ylewis@uvu.edu)
- Matthew Brogdon, Ph.D. | Miller Family Senior Director of Constitutional Studies, FL 305, [mbrogdon@uvu.edu](mailto:mbrogdon@uvu.edu)