

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY OLLI PROGRAM  
SYLLABUS – Fall 2022

“THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AS A WINDOW INTO ADVANCED CIVICS”

**October 6 Class** – *From Independence to the Articles of Confederation*

**Suggested Reading:** (1) Declaration of Independence

(2) Short Article on John Locke

<https://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/john-locke-on-the-rights-to-life-liberty-and-property-of-ourselves-and-others-1689>

**October 13 Class** – *The Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Federalist Papers*

**Suggested Reading:** (1) The Citizenship Exam Questions (to be provided)

(2) Federalist Paper 10

<https://billofrightsinstitute.org/primary-sources/federalist-no-10>

**October 27 Class** - *Amendments to the Constitution*

**Suggested Reading:** (1) the Bill of Rights (first ten amendments)

(2) Article on Women’s Suffrage

[https://tnmuseum.org/Stories/posts/a-look-back-at-tennessees-war-of-the-roses?locale=en\\_us](https://tnmuseum.org/Stories/posts/a-look-back-at-tennessees-war-of-the-roses?locale=en_us)

**November 3 Class** – *The Presidency, the Federal Cabinet Positions and Congress*

**Suggested Reading:** Short Article on Edmund Ross

[https://www.senate.gov/reference/common/generic/Profiles\\_ER.htm](https://www.senate.gov/reference/common/generic/Profiles_ER.htm)

**November 10 Class** – *The Judiciary*

**Suggested Reading:** Syllabi at the beginning of Roe v. Wade and Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization opinions

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/410/113/>

[https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/19-1392\\_6j37.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/19-1392_6j37.pdf)

**November 17 Class** - *Civil Rights Movement / American Geography*

**Suggested Reading: Retake the Citizenship Exam**

**Article on Rosa Parks and the Bus Boycotts**

**<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/rosa-parks>**