



California State University, Sacramento

College of Education – Teaching Credentials

U.S Constitution Requirement

California Education Code Section 44335 requires all candidates for a Multiple Subject, Single Subject, Education Specialist, or Designated Subjects Credential to demonstrate knowledge of the United States Constitution by completing a college-level course with a minimum “C” grade, or a college level examination in the subject. This requirement must be completed before the credential can be granted. The U.S. Constitution requirement can be met by successful completion of one of the following:

1. *A course that covers the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution completed at a regionally accredited community college, four-year college, or university.*
 - *CSU grads will have automatically completed a course (either at a community college prior to transfer or at their CSU campus). But to meet the requirement, a grade of “C” or better must be earned in the course;*
 - *At Sacramento State, either GOVT 1 or GOVT 150 will meet the requirement;*
 - *IF you are unsure if you completed a course (UC’s and Private Colleges may not require this for graduation), contact the Teaching Credentials Department in Eureka Hall 401 or call (916) 278-6639. You will need to provide a copy of the course description that you believe meets the requirement.*

2. *AP Credit (CSU, UC, or Other): AP credit posted on an official transcript showing credit for either:*
 - *AP American Government, or*
 - *AP American History*

3. *Pass an examination on the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution offered by a regionally accredited college or university. Institutions offering an appropriate college-level examination are:*
 - *American River College, Natomas Education Center*
Hours: *Call for current testing schedule and to make an appointment for testing*
Services: *The fee for each exam is \$41 (subject to change). Cash or money order only. Make money order payable to American River College Community Education. Fee includes Scantron & pencil. Photo ID is also required. You will need to purchase a parking permit for \$2.00. You will be charged a \$25 rescheduling fee if you cannot make your appointment time and fail to cancel. Cancellation notification must be given 48 hours prior to your appointment time. Call for additional details.*
Phone: *(916) 485-6000*

 - *Notre Dame de Namur University*
This is an online examination. The timed final exam consists of 50 multiple-choice questions. The fee includes the prep material, exam and certificate. Cost \$85 (subject to change).
Phone: *(650) 508-3545*
Email: *credentials@ndnu.edu*