

FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

Starting in Fall 2025, all new first-year and transfer students at Carolina will need to complete the Foundations of American Democracy (FAD) requirement in the IDEAs in Action curriculum (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/ideas-in-action/#learningoutcomestext>).

(If you started at Carolina before Fall 2025, you do not need to complete this requirement.)

Approved Courses

Code	Title	Hours
ARTH 161	 Introduction to American Art	3
CLAS 271	 Classical Rhetoric and American Democracy	3
DRAM 388	 Theatre, Law, and American Values	3
ENGL 275	 Founding Fictions: Democracy and American Literature	3
HIST 88	 First Year Seminar: America's Founding Documents	3
HIST 101	 A History of Lies, Conspiracies, and Misinformation	3
HIST 102	 Introduction to Major Problems in U.S History	3
HIST 126	 Early American History and the Foundations of American Democracy	3
HIST 238	 The American Revolution, 1763-1815	3
IDST 131I	 Voting and Elections	3
PHIL 175	 Philosophical Foundations of American Democracy	3
POLI 100	 American Democracy in Changing Times ^H	3
POLI 279	 American Political Thought Through the Civil War ^H	3
POLI 280	 American Political Thought After the Civil War ^H	3
PWAD 238	 The American Revolution, 1763-1815	3
PWAD 250	 Introduction to Peace and Security Studies	3
RELI 231	 The Bible in America	3
SCLL 150	 Foundations of American Civic Life ^H	3
SCLL 155	 Declaration of Independence: Contexts & Controversies	3
SCLL 165	 What is the American Character?	3
SCLL 180	 Democracy in America: Promises and Perils	3
SCLL 250	 Democracy-Ancient and Modern	3

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.