

COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING

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TO: Presidents of Community Colleges, Colleges
and UniversitiesFROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary *P.L.*

SUBJECT: United States Constitution Examinations

No doubt you are aware that under the Teacher Preparation and Licensing Law of 1970, the completion of the United States Constitution requirement applies to full-time Designated Subjects teachers, including vocational, adult, and driver training, as well as to the Multiple Subject and Single Subject teachers.

E.C. 44335. The issuance of any teaching credential requires (1) the passing of a satisfactory examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States in a community college, college, or university of recognized merit or (2) the satisfactory completion of two semester units of work on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States in any university or college from which undergraduate credits earned are accepted by the commission as meeting undergraduate credit requirements for credentials issued by the commission or in any publicly supported community college in the state. Public and private institutions in California may be authorized to attest to the individual's satisfaction of this requirement.

The requirements of this section do not apply to the designated subjects teaching credential authorizing part-time employment only.

The purpose of this communication is to find out if your institution, in its service area, provides the examination for teachers, either as a public service or at a cost. If your political science or government departments are not already providing the service, would they be in a position to do so? Candidates who have not previously met the U. S. Constitution requirements must do so within one year and time schedules sometimes preclude the completion of a formal course in United States Government.

It would be extremely helpful to the Commission to know which community colleges, colleges, and universities offer the United States Constitution examination so that specific helpful information can be provided to teaching credential holders and candidates.

I am confident that the candidates would be more than willing to shoulder any additional costs to your institution for providing the United States Constitution examinations and your political science or government staffs could prepare, give and secure a meaningful examination to meet the Education Code 44335 requirement.

Attached is a convenient survey form which will enable you or your representative to provide the much needed data by the CTPL. Please send the completed form to Eli Obradovich, Chief of Licensing, 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, California 95814. If you have questions, please call him at (916) 445-0233.

U. S. CONSTITUTION EXAMINATION REPORT

Return Completed Form to: Eli Obradovich
Chief of Licensing
Commission for Teacher Preparation
and Licensing
1020 "O" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

This institution makes available a United States Constitution examination for teachers

This institution plans to offer the United States Constitution examination

There is a charge for the United States Constitution examination

When a charge is levied for the United States Constitution examination, it is:

YES	NO

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The contact person(s) regarding the United States Constitution examination is:

Name _____

Position _____

Department _____

Telephone # _____

Signature

Title

College Official