

CREDENTIAL INFORMATION ALERT

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SUBJECT: U.S. Constitution

The Commission was recently informed that when an individual is granted a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree from a California State University (CSU) campus, he or she must meet a U.S. Constitution requirement similar to the one required for a credential. Based on this information, when submitting an application for a document that requires a course in the U.S. Constitution, a degree from a CSU will meet this requirement.

Methods of meeting the U.S. Constitution requirement:

1. Two semester unit course on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States; or
2. An examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States completed at a regionally accredited community college, college or university; or
3. A BA/BS degree awarded by a CSU campus (there is no stipulation on the date of graduation or grade received for the course)

If the individual has a degree from a University of California (UC) campus or a private independent college or university, he or she will need to meet options one or two above. Please note that the U.S. Constitution requirement at the UCs may be met by a high school course, which is not acceptable for teacher certification.