



U.S. Constitution

[California Education Code Section 44335](#) requires credential candidates to demonstrate knowledge of the United States Constitution by completing a college level course, 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. Satisfactory completion of a course (at least two semester units) on the provisions and principals of the U.S. Constitution. The course must be from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Pass an examination on the provisions and principals of the U.S. Constitution offered in a college or university. Pacific Oaks offers a U.S. Constitution Exam (see below).

Pacific Oaks College U.S. Constitution Exam:

If you do not meet the U.S. Constitution criteria listed above, you are eligible to take the Pacific Oaks College U.S. Constitution Exam. Instructions are listed below:

Instructions:

1. Complete the required exam (essays) in ONE Word document - see "Exam" section below.
2. Include a title page with the following information:
(Student Name) (Student ID#)
(Your PO email)
Date of submission
U.S. Constitution Exam
Type the following sentence: By submitting this exam for assessment, I certify the work I am submitting is my own, and I understand and agree to abide by Pacific Oaks' policies regarding academic integrity.
3. Save your Word document as "**LastNameFirstNameUSConstitution.doc**"
4. Submit to the Education Credential Analyst to credentials@pacificoaks.edu

EXAM:

Choose **four** of the following questions to answer in well-written essays using APA format. Each answer should be between one and two pages (typed).

1. Explain in detail the operation of the bicameral legislature, including advantages and disadvantages of it, and special areas of control of each house.
2. What is the system of "checks and balances"? Explain in detail how it works.
3. What is the Bill of Rights? How did it originate and why?
4. What powers do state governments have? Explain in detail.
5. Explain in detail how the federal budget is made up, approved, and administered.
6. Explain in detail how the judicial system functions.

EVALUATION: Your work will be evaluated by a faculty member as "Passed" or "Not Passed." You will receive notification of your exam status. If your exam is "Not Passed" you may revise and resubmit.



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Other Institutions offering an appropriate college-level examination are:

UCLA EXTENSION

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