



FEDERALISM CURRICULUM

THE UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE COMMISSION ON FEDERALISM IN
COOPERATION WITH UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

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- Among others.

WHY A FEDERALISM CURRICULUM?

Like the two pillars that support the Golden Gate Bridge, Separation of Powers and Federalism are the two structural pillars of our constitutional system. Separation of Powers is regularly taught in schools. The nature and importance of Federalism generally is not.

Federalism is like a tug o' war where "the [state and national] governments will control each other." However, today nearly all the "rope" is in the federal hands.

To keep our system in balance, federalism compels the States to pull. But, state and local leaders – and the attorneys who advise them – cannot do what they do not know. For this reason, the Utah Legislature commissioned the Constitutional Studies Center from Utah Valley University to create this Federalism Curriculum.

WHAT IS THE FEDERALISM CURRICULUM?

The Federalism Curriculum is comprised of six video modules on the nature and importance of American federalism taught by the top federalism scholars in the nation. Each module is approximately 10 minutes followed by a short comprehension quiz. **The curriculum is available to everyone for free at www.uvu.edu/ccs by clicking on the Federalism Curriculum tab.**

CLE CREDIT APPROVED

Certain state and local government attorneys are required by Utah law to take the federalism course. All other attorneys may take the course for free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit. The course is also available online for free to the general public.



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HOW TO REGISTER?

- Go to <http://www.uvu.edu/ccs>
- Click on the Federalism Curriculum tab and follow the instructions
- For those seeking CLE credit, email a screenshot of the course completion certificate to: centerforconstitutionalstudies@gmail.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

Pending legislation for the 2017 session of the Utah Legislature will require all legislators to take this course and also fund Phase II of the Federalism Curriculum to teach these additional federalism principles and applications:

- The jurisdictional line between state and federal governments.
- The rights, powers and authority of the states to maintain and defend this line.
- The power of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution to reallocate or clarify the line dividing the distribution or modification of delegated powers.

WHAT CAN I DO?

The first thing you can do is to take the course. Next, share it with friends and colleagues. Encourage institutions and organizations to make it part of their federalism course offerings. Consider making this CLE course part of the federalism training for state and local officials, attorneys and staff in your state. Have your appropriate federalism committee coordinate with the Utah Commission on Federalism to collaborate as a union of states to restore the essential structural balance of American federalism.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact Rep. Ken Ivory (UT), Utah Commission on Federalism Chair, at kivory@le.utah.gov or 801.694.8380



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