LYCEUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM
THE CLEMSON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CAPITALISM

America’s first and only four year university-based academic program dedicated to exploring the moral, political, and economic foundations of a free society.

Open to incoming freshmen, the curriculum develops students’ faculties of inquiry and ignites their passion for knowledge. It presents students with ideas that are fundamental, timeless, and life-changing.

The Program uses a Great Books approach to studying liberty, free markets, the American Founding and moral character. All Lyceum Scholars will be given a faculty “Socratic tutor” who will closely monitor and guide their intellectual development for their entire four-year education.

Those interested in becoming Lyceum Scholars should apply in their senior year of high school to Clemson University and to the Lyceum Scholars Program.

$10,000 Scholarships to Clemson University

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

This is an eight course sequence with one Lyceum course each semester. Scholars take all of their program courses together as an intellectual cohort.

Freshman Year
Fall Semester
• Introduction to Political Philosophy
Spring Semester
• Wisdom of the Ancients

Sophomore Year
Fall Semester
• Political Thought of the American Founding
Spring Semester
• American Political Thought

Junior Year
Fall Semester
• Constitutional Law: Structures of Government
Spring Semester
• Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties

Senior Year
Fall Semester
• Political Theory of Capitalism
Spring Semester
• Wisdom of the Moderns

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INTELLECTUAL OUTCOMES

Students will graduate with a robust training in the intellectual skills of being rational, independent, serious, and honest thinkers, articulate speakers, and eloquent writers.

Additionally, students will be thoroughly familiar with the essential ideas that form the foundation of free institutions thus preparing them to move into careers in law, academia, policy making, and the business world.

REQUIRED READINGS INCLUDE

• Plato, Protagoras, Republic, Apology of Socrates
• Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics
• Cicero, On Duties
• Seneca, Dialogues and Essays
• Machiavelli, The Prince
• Locke, Second Treatise of Civil Government
• Montesquieu, Spirit of the Laws
• Smith, The Wealth of Nations, Theory of Moral Sentiments
• The Declaration of Independence
• The Constitution of 1787
• The Federalist Papers
• Toqueville, Democracy in America
• Marx, Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1848
• Bastiat, The Law
• Mises, Human Action
• Hayek, Law, Legislation, and Liberty
• Rand, Atlas Shrugged
• Friedman, Capitalism and Freedom

TO APPLY

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Priority Deadline: December 8

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