Institute of American Civics

Located within the Howard H. Baker, Jr. School of Public Policy and Public Affairs, the Institute of American Civics offers classes and public programs to:

1. Foster a deeper understanding of the structures and institutions of federal, state, and local government.
2. Further the understanding of the principles and philosophies that contributed to the foundation and development of the United States and the State of Tennessee.
3. Promote civil discourse and constructive debate.
4. Enhance education in the fields of politics, economics, philosophy, American history, American government, and other related fields as appropriate with a focus on the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship; fundamental democratic principles; and the ways in which those principles are expressed in our federal, state, and local institutions.
5. Provide nonpartisan resources to students, faculty, state government agencies, and the general public regarding civic affairs.
6. Foster civic engagement through full and fair discussions that promote civil dialogue among those holding conflicting points of view.
7. Assist in ensuring that the University of Tennessee serves as a robust marketplace of ideas for all students and faculty.

Courses:
IAC 201 Construction and Reconstruction of the American Republic
IAC 202 Civil Society and the State
IAC 410 Special Topics in American Civics
IAC 494 Internship

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