



HOLMES UNIVERSITY FLORIDA

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

Holmes University Florida (HUF) observes Constitution Day and Citizenship Day each year with an educational program on the Constitution of the United States, held on 17 September.

Where 17 September falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the program is held during the preceding or the following week.

Why HUF observes Constitution Day

Section 111(b) of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Pub. L. 108-447) provides that each educational institution receiving Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on 17 September of that year.

HUF does not currently participate in United States Department of Education Title IV federal student aid programs and so is not presently subject to that requirement. HUF observes Constitution Day regardless of its funding status, both because the subject matter belongs in a program of study that prepares students for professional and civic life, and so that the observance is already established should HUF become a recipient of federal funds.

What the program involves

The program is open to all HUF students, faculty and staff, and is delivered so that on-campus, online and hybrid students can all take part. It addresses the origins, structure and continuing significance of the United States Constitution, and typically includes a presentation by a member of faculty followed by discussion.

Attendance is voluntary and is not assessed. A recording, together with any materials used, is made available afterwards through the learning-management system so that students who cannot attend on the day are still able to take part.

Constitution Day sits alongside HUF's wider commitment to free intellectual enquiry and to open, respectful debate, as set out in the Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech Policy (PD14).

This year's program

Constitution Day 2026 falls on Thursday 17 September 2026 and in 2027 it falls on Friday, September 17, 2027. Details of the program, including the time, location and joining arrangements are circulated to students and staff in advance.

Records

HUF retains a record of each year's Constitution Day program — the date held, the material covered and the arrangements for participation — so that the observance can be evidenced in later years.



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