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Hillsdale College Online Courses Averaged More Than 1,000 Enrollments Per Day

Hillsdale, Mich.— Hillsdale College’s free online courses averaged more than 1,000 enrollments per day from July 1 through September 30, the College announced today. Since launching in 2011, the College’s courses in subjects such as the Constitution, the Great Books, history, and economics have attracted more than 850,000 students from across the United States and around the world.

“The incredible interest in our online courses speaks to the necessity and significance of what we teach here at Hillsdale,” said Jon Lewis, senior manager of online courses. “It speaks to where we are today as a country. More and more people are craving the knowledge of what it means to have liberty and be self-governing. We cover these subjects in our online courses, and challenge participants of all ages to learn about human nature and virtue.”

Hillsdale College launched its first online course, “Introduction to the Constitution,” in September 2011. Students now have a dozen courses to choose from, including:

- An Introduction to C.S. Lewis: Writings and Significance (NEW)
- Winston Churchill and Statesmanship (NEW)
- *The Federalist Papers*
- A Proper Understanding of K-12 Education: Theory and Practice
- The Presidency and the Constitution
- Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution
- Constitution 201: The Progressive Rejection of the Founding & the Rise of Bureaucratic Despotism
- History 101: Western Heritage, From the Book of Genesis to John Locke
- History 102: American Heritage, From Colonial Settlement to the Reagan Revolution
- Great Books 101: Ancient to Medieval
- Great Books 102: Renaissance to Modern
- Economics 101: The Principles of Free Market Economics

Most online courses last for 10 weeks and consist of weekly video lectures, quizzes, and discussion boards. Hillsdale College faculty deliver the lectures, each of which runs approximately 35 minutes. Students may begin an online course at any time, and work at their own pace. The courses are free and not for academic

credit. For new courses, new material is available each week, and is archived and available to view online at the student's convenience. Audio versions of the lectures are also available for download.

For more information or to register for an online course, visit <http://online.hillsdale.edu>.

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an educational outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 2.9 million.

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