

Political Science 225 Constitutional Law

Credit Hours: 3

Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3

Lab:

Other:

Catalog Course Description: Constitutional law is concerned primarily with the exercise of judicial review. The focus is on the manner in which courts generally have interpreted the cryptic provisions of the U.S. Constitution. The student should emphasize the principles, doctrines, and rules developed in the cases and the underlying policies and values.

Pre-requisites: NA

Co-requisites: NA

Course Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Express an understanding of the many elements of history, philosophy, politics and law that make up the U.S. judicial system
2. Display understanding of the complexity of constitutional law and its evolving state
3. Explain the manner in which the Supreme Court has interpreted the provisions of the Constitution of the United States
4. Identify principles, doctrines, and rules developed (or rejected) in cases
5. Examine underlying principles and values of court decisions

Topics to be studied:

- United States constitution
- Interpretations of the Supreme Court
- Form of government established by constitution
- How cases transformed the form of government
- Rights and responsibilities
- Freedoms of religion, speech, press, privacy, civil rights
- Right to vote

Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:	
Composition and Rhetoric Students illustrate a fundamental understanding of the best practices of communicating in English and meet the writing standards of their college or program-based communication requirements.	x
Science & Technology Students successfully apply systematic methods of analysis to the natural and physical world, understand scientific knowledge as empirical, and refer to data as a basis for conclusions.	
Mathematics & Quantitative Skills Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	
Society, Diversity, & Connections Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	x

<p>Human Inquiry & the Past Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.</p>	<p>x</p>
<p>The Arts & Creativity Students successfully articulate and apply methods and principles of critical and creative inquiry to the production or analysis of works of art.</p>	
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Special requirements of the course:

Case laws will be examined thoroughly.

Additional information:

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