

Montgomery County Community College
POL 202
Civil Liberties (Constitutional Law II)
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A study of constitutional guarantees designed to protect the individual against arbitrary, unreasonable, and oppressive government. Freedom of speech and of the press, religious freedom, freedom of assembly, property rights. Constitutional problems concerning crime and its punishment.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

COURSE COMMENT

Completion of POL 124 American National Government prior to taking this course is recommended.

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Create constitutional law legal briefs based on historical and current Supreme Court cases.	Lecture/Discussion Case Briefs Audio Recordings from Supreme Court Oral Arguments	Discussion Exams Case Briefs Assignment
2. Analyze ethical issues contained in constitutional law.	Lecture/Discussion Case Briefs Audio Recordings from Supreme Court Oral Arguments	Discussion Exams Current Issue in Civil Liberties Assignment Voter Registration Activity
3. Compare and contrast the role of the judicial branch in local, state and federal government.	Lecture/Discussion Case Briefs Audio Recordings from Supreme Court Oral Arguments	Discussion Exams Case Briefs Assignment Current Issue in Civil Liberties Assignment Voter Registration Activity

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4. Dissect the United States Constitution and its Amendments.	Lecture/Discussion Case Briefs Audio Recordings from Supreme Court Oral Arguments	Discussion Exams Case Briefs Assignment Current Issue in Civil Liberties Assignment Voter Registration Activity
5. Discuss current as well as historical issues involving civil liberties in constitutional law.	Lecture/Discussion Case Briefs Audio Recordings from Supreme Court Oral Arguments	Discussion Exams Case Briefs Assignment Current Issue in Civil Liberties Assignment

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Interpretation of the Constitution
2. Constitutional Adjudication
3. Rights under the Constitution
4. Economic Due Process and the Takings Clause
5. Freedom of Speech, Press, and Association
6. Freedom of Religion
7. Criminal Procedure
8. The Equal Protection Clause and Racial Discrimination
9. Substantive Equal Protection
10. Voting and Representation
11. The Right to Privacy

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Tarr, D. Alan and Rossum, Ralph A. *American Constitutional Law: Volume II. The Bill of Rights and Subsequent Amendments, Volume II* (9th ed.). Westview Press.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.