

Class Participation. Class participation counts. Students are expected to actively participate and make a positive contribution to the class.

Disabilities. Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodation upon request. If you believe you need accommodation please see the appropriate college officials before an immediate need arises. The instructor has no authority to grant a reasonable accommodation.

Cell Phones and Texting. Cell phone calls and text messaging are banned from the class. Please make certain your phone is Off at the start of each class. Disruptions by such devices will not be tolerated.

Cheating. Cheating is not tolerated. There are no second chances.

Changes. This syllabus is a guideline ONLY. The instructor reserves the right to change the provisions of this syllabus and/or course content at any time.

E-Portfolio. All students are required to create and maintain a Digication e-portfolio using the college template. Additional details and instructions are available on the college website.

Extra Credit. THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT WORK.

Make-up Exams. As a general policy, make-up exams are not permitted absent extreme circumstances and REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE, all at the discretion of the instructor.

Study Groups. Students are encouraged to join together in study groups outside of class time.

Writing Assignment. Detailed instructions for the writing assignment are distributed separately. The completed assignment is due immediately before the last exam. No late papers are accepted. The completed assignment must be accompanied by a hard-copy screenshot evidencing that the assignment has been uploaded to your digication e-portfolio.

GRADING SCALE		
Total Course Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
940-1000	94-100%	A
900-939	90-93%	A-
870-899	87-89%	B+
840-869	84-87%	B
800-839	80-83%	B-
770-799	77-79%	C+
740-769	74-76%	C
700-739	70-73%	C-
670-699	67-69%	D+
640-669	64-66%	D
600-639	60-63%	D-
599 and below	59% and below	F

CLASS SYLLABUS

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course provides an over view of U.S. Constitutional law and civil rights. Ethical implications will be discussed.

At the conclusion of this course the student is expected to:

1. Have obtained a thorough understanding of the basic vocabulary of constitutional civil rights.
2. Have obtained a thorough knowledge of the history and principles governing constitutional civil rights in the United States; and,
3. Be able to analyze unique factual settings and correctly apply governing principles using correct vocabulary.

REQUIRED TEXT

Kanovitz, Jacqueline R. *Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice*. 14th ed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Examination No. 1	20% of grade (200 points)
Examination No. 2	20% of grade (200 points)
Examination No. 3	20% of grade (200 points)
Attendance	15% of grade (150 points)
Class Participation	5% of grade (50 points)
Writing Assignment	20% of grade (200 points)

GENERAL POLICIES

Assignments. There is only one homework assignment for this class: READ THE BOOK. However, the instructor reserves the right to give quizzes and/or written assignments at his discretion which may be factored into the course grade. STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN CURRENT ON THEIR READING ASSIGNMENTS.

Attendance. Attendance counts. Students are expected to attend classes as scheduled. Attendance will normally be taken once each class. If present when attendance is taken you receive credit for the entire class; and, if not present when attendance is taken you do not receive any credit for the day. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to begin at the scheduled start time.