

Constitutional Law II

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Syllabus Fall 2009

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<http://iipsi.com/SDJ/ConLaw2/>

Please note that although the syllabus shows what is planned, the course is unlikely to follow the schedule exactly. This syllabus is subject to change to address current events and ongoing developments in the law, and to meet the students' needs as perceived by the professor during the semester.

Where: Room LL101

When: TWF 9:00-9:50 am

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Course Overview

This course focuses on equal protection, on freedom of speech and the press, on freedom of religion, and to some extent on privacy as part of substantive due process.

The course also examines methods of interpreting the Constitution and some of the issues relating to the various methods.

The course is taught primarily using cases and class discussion. Some Socratic questioning is used, some topics are lectured, some areas are explored primarily through problems, and on rare occasions a skills exercise may be used to explore certain issues.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student should demonstrate mastery of the following knowledge and skills:

- Ability to analyze a new factual situation and to determine the relevant Constitutional law issues in it
- Ability to state and apply the relevant Constitutional law doctrine, policies, and principles to the situation to reach a conclusion about the probable outcome of it
- Knowledge of the standard of review relevant to each type of individual right and the ability to apply it in the appropriate setting

- Understand the changes in Constitutional law doctrine over time and what causes those changes
- Knowledge of and ability to use various methods of constitutional interpretation

Course Materials

Required Book and Materials

The Constitution

William D. Araiza, Phoebe A. Haddon, and Dorothy E. Roberts, *Constitutional Law: Cases, History, and Dialogues* (3d ed. Lexis/Nexis 2006).

William D. Araiza, Phoebe A. Haddon, and Dorothy E. Roberts, **Supplement to Constitutional Law: Cases, History, and Dialogues** (most recent).

Supplemental materials as noted in the syllabus and possibly other materials to be provided by the professor from time to time

Recommended Books

Weaver, Hancock, Lively, Frieland, & Scott, *Constitutional Law: What Matters and Why* (Aspen 2008)

Allan Ides & Christopher N. May, *Constitutional Law: Individual Rights – Examples and Explanations* (3d ed. Aspen Publ. 2004)

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Office Hours: The times listed below may change. I will post up-to-date office hours online at <http://www.iipsj.com/SDJ/>

Tue 10:00am -12:00 pm

Wed 1:00-2:30 pm

Fri after 12:30 by appointment

Occasionally I will not be able to keep these office hours because of other commitments.

If you need to see me at another time, please [contact me](#) by email so we can make an appointment.

I am often in my office at times not posted as office hours and during those times I am generally able to meet with students.

Grade Components

Final Examination

100 pts.

Course Requirements

Preparation

Read the assigned material before class each day. Be prepared to brief the cases orally and to discuss the problems presented by the readings. Sometimes we will delve deeply into cases while other times we will discuss topics using cases and other readings as background and resources. Both types of classes require detailed preparation.

Pay close attention to the standard of review in each case.

Attendance

The law school attendance policy will be enforced. If you miss 25% or more of the scheduled class sessions, starting from the first day of scheduled classes, you will receive an "F" for the course unless you formally withdraw from the course before the last day to drop a course as set by the law school academic calendar. Under the law school policy, attendance means being present at the start of class and throughout the class period. ***Tardy students and students who leave class early will be counted as absent.***

SCHEDULE

Please note that this schedule identifies the topics to be considered in the order in which they will be considered and the readings for the topics. After the first class, the specific reading for the next class will be given. Thereafter most assignments will be given on a weekly basis. I anticipate trimming some of the readings as the semester progresses. Bracketed material may be dropped if time requires.

Judicial Power

Constitution Articles 1, 2, 3 & Amends. 1, 5, & 14. *Araiza, et al*, pp. 1-13 *Marbury v. Madison*

Equal Protection

Araiza, et al, Part IV: Equal Protection, pp. 803-824

Araiza, et al, Supp. 25-66 ([Seattle Schools](#))

Araiza, et al, Part IV: Equal Protection, pp. 824-830 (optional: Derrick Bell piece 830-842)

Araiza, et al, 842-854 Slavery -- The Constitutional Convention's Unfinished Business

Race & the Civil War Amendments: *Araiza, et al*, pp. 854-869; 873-887

Steven D. Jamar, [A Brief History of Brown v. Board of Education](#) on the [Brownat50.org](#) website.

The Desegregation Principle: *Araiza, et al*, pp. 893-917; 925-928

Discriminatory Intent, pp 928; 934-941; 950-954 (955-981 -- lecture/discussion, recommended but not assigned reading)

[ICCPR Handout](#) -- Section 26

Affirmative Action

Araiza, et al, pp. 981-984; Supp. 25-66 ([Seattle Schools](#)) review

Gender-based discrimination

Araiza, et al, pp. 1044-1063; 1069-1088; 1095-1111

Other types of discrimination

Araiza, et al, pp. 1112-1122; 1130-1132

Fundamental Rights under the EP Clause

Araiza, et al, pp. 1132-1189; (Read both parts of *Lawrence* case -- pp. 418-427 (substantive due process/liberty/privacy) and pp. 1176-1188 (EP portion -- concurrence))

Substantive Due Process (liberty & privacy)

Araiza, et al, 319-353; 2008 Supp. 29-42 (*Carhart*); 395-409; 418-429

State Action

Araiza, et al, pp. 1715-1784

Freedom of Speech & Association

[ICCPR Handout](#) -- Sections 18, 19, 20, 22

Araiza, et al, freedom of speech basics 1189-1214;

Libel 1214-1232

Obscenity 1232-1261

Fighting words/hate speech 1261-1282

Partially protected speech – commercial speech 1283-1310

{Campaign financing 1310-1335; supp. 77-87}

Content neutrality 1335-1370

Time place manner 1370-1383

Symbolic speech 1383-1408

Secondary effects doctrine 1408-1416

Doctrinal Hybrids 1416-1425

{Governmental speech 1425-1445; supp. 87-93}

Speech in public schools 1445-1453; supp. 93

Prior restraints 1453-1474

Overbreadth & vagueness 1474-1490

Freedom of association 1490-1505

Freedom of the Press

Araiza, et al, Freedom of the press 1505-1548

Medium-specific standards (airwaves) 1548-1586

Freedom of Religion

Araiza, et al, Freedom of religion introduction 1586-1596

Establishment clause 1596-1683

Free exercise 1683-1714

Incorporation Controversy

Araiza, et al, pp. 305-319

Economic Rights

Contract Clause: *Araiza, et al*, pp. 271-283

Takings Clause: *Araiza, et al*, pp. 283-305

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