

POLI 4020: American Constitutional Law
Louisiana State University
Department of Political Science
Fall 2021
Tuesday/Thursday - 12:00 Noon - 1:20 PM - Via Zoom

Instructor: Aimee92 P9T Q q d 876 Federal government primarily through the le

ns of Supreme Court decisions. The course will pay particular attention to separation of powers across the branches of government and between the federal and state JRYHUQPHQWV :H ZLOO DQDO\JH WKH ZD\ V LQ ZILKation of WkH & RXU W constraints on governmental powers over time. We will consider how various historical and political contexts may impact the interpretation of institutional powers and endeavor to apply Supreme Court precedent to modern, topical issues.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a substantive understanding of historical and modern developments in the constitutional law of institutional powers and constraints.
2. Understand the factors that influence Supreme Court decision making, including political, legal, and societal factors.
3. Develop the ability to read, understand, and interpret Supreme Court decisions and to summarize, synthesize, and effectively communicate the decisions.
4. Apply the understanding gained from course readings and lectures to duhypotetical legal issues to arrive at well-reasoned decisions that are clearly articulated and legally justified.
5. Appreciate different decisions and types of constitutional interpretation and apply these different tactics in your coursework, regardless of which side of the debate you prefer.
6. Enhance your oral and written communication skills through classroom discussion and written assignments.

CLASS FORMAT

This course is a synchronous online course. All classes will be conducted via Zoom. Students are expected to be in class at the scheduled time (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 noon to 1:20 pm CST).

We will be using Moodle for this class. The Zoom link for the class is under the course introduction on Moodle. All assignments and additional readings will be posted on Moodle, and all assignments completed or turned in on Moodle.

Students are prohibited from recording the classes. Lectures and course materials (including my presentations, tests, outline, and lecture notes) may be protected by copyright. You are encouraged to utilize course materials for your own educational purpose. However, you are not to record, reproduce, or distribute this content without my express written permission. This includes sharing course materials with others.

Course Communication

Class announcements will be sent via email on Moodle

questions to gauge your knowledge of the Supreme Court and constitutional law prior to taking the class and to evaluate how much you learn/retain at the end of the semester. The ~~Post~~ is due on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 by 1:59 pm CST, and the Post(d)11(ue)5(-)21(on)] TJ ET Q q 0.00000912 0 612 792 re W* n .82 6

Thursday, September 30, 202

Immunity

EW 242264

- Mississippi v. Johnson (1867)
- Nixon v. Fitzgerald (1982)
- Clinton v. Jones (1997)

PART IV: INTERBRANCH INTERACTIONS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Thursday, October 7, 202

Interbranch Interaction

EW 265284

- Mistretta v. United States (1989)
- Immigration and Naturalization Service v. Chada (1983)
- Bowsher v. Synar (1986)

Tuesday, October 12, 202

Foreign Affairs

EW 284295

- Prize Cases (1863)
- Ex Parte Milligan (1866)

Thursday, October 14, 202- MIDTERM EXAM

Tuesday, October 19, 202

Foreign Affairs

EW 295311

- Korematsu v. United States (1944)
- Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952)

Thursday, October 21, 202 NO CLASS- FALL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, October 26, 202

Foreign Affairs

EW 311334

- Dames & Moore v. Regan (1981)
- Zivotofsky v. Kerry (2015)
- Hamdi v. Rumsfeld (2004)

PART V: FEDERALISM

Thursday, October 28, 202

Early NationState Relations

EW 335355

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Tuesday, November 2, 2012

Later National State Relations

EW 366383

- New York v. United States (1992)
- Printz v. United States (1997)
- Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association (2018)

Thursday, November 4, 2012

Sovereign Immunity

EW 383384 & 398404

- Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida (1996)*
- Nevada Department of Human Resources v. Hibbs (2003)
- Arizona v. United States (2012)

PART VI: COMMERCE POWER

Tuesday, November 9, 2012

Foundations of the Commerce Clause

Commerce Clause and the Industrial Revolution

EW 405425

- Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)
- United States v. E.C. Knight Co. (1895)
- Champion v. Ames (1903)

Thursday, November 11, 2012

Commerce Clause and the Industrial Revolution

Commerce Clause and the New Deal

EW 425449

- Hammer v. Dagenhart (1918)
- A.L.A. Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States (1935)
- NLRB v. Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation (1937)

Tuesday, November 16, 2012

Commerce Clause After the Switch in Term

EW 449463

- United States v. Darby (1941)
- Wickard v. Filburn (1942)
- Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States (1964)

Thursday, November 18, 2012

Commerce Clause and the Federalism Revolution

EW 463494

- United States v. Lopez (1995)
- United States v. Morrison (2000)
- Gonzales v. Raich (2005)
- National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius (2012)

PART VII: ECONOMIC SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS

Tuesday, November 23, 2012

Economic Liberty

EW 617647

- The Slaughterhouse Cases (1873)
- Lochner v. New York (1905)
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