

## POLI 4021: Civil Liberties

**Location:** 116 Stubbs MWF 12:30-1:20  
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### I) Required Texts:

Supplemental text: *Rights, Liberties, and Justice* (Lee Epstein & Thomas Walker)

### II) Grade Distribution:

Midterm 1: 15% (online) (open-notes, open-book, open-google)  
Midterm 2: 15% (online) (open-notes, open-book, open-google)  
Final: 20% (online and in-class)

Moodle Quizzes: 15%  
Short Moodle Exercises: 20%

- One on a pending First Amendment case
- One on a short biographical sketch of a Supreme Court Justice
- One on capital punishment cases, involving both the 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Amendments
- One on the question of incorporating the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment

Attendance: 15%

If you need to miss for a valid reason, let me know before class via the gmail email above. You as a student are the best judge of what constitutes a “valid” reason; that said, obviously, for each student, there are a limit to the numbers of valid reasons for which one can miss class. This is a fairly flexible policy, but a student could not, for example, email four times with the excuse of tiredness—but once would be reasonable. Another example would be “I need to study for a test that I have at 3 pm.” Or “my car broke down,” or “traffic on the bridge was at a standstill.”

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