

CVIIL LIBERTIES
SOCIOLOGY 221/POLITICAL SCIENCE 221
MORAVIAN COLLEGE

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Tuesday & Thursday 8:50-10:00 AM

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Text: Choper, Fallon, Kamisor & Shiffrin, Constitutional Rights & Liberties, 9th Edition, West Group, 1991.

Course Description: Civil Liberties of Americans are delineated in the Bill of Rights. This course will examine issues of Freedom of Speech, Assembly & the Press; Freedom of Religion; right to counsel, right against self incrimination, right to be free from warrantless searches and seizures; right to a fair trial, right to privacy and equal protection. We will also explore the power and role of both the Congress and the Judiciary with respect to enforcing, upholding and defining civil liberties.

Course Requirements:

**MORAVIAN COLLEGE'S HONESTY POLICY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE
ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND IS FOUND IN THE STUDENT
HANDBOOK. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FOLOW THIS POLICY.**

(1) There will be three exams and one final examination. The dates of the exams are listed in the class schedule. The college will determine the date of the final examination. The final examination will be cumulative.

(2) Each student will be required to find a current event in the newspapers, Internet or other written media, which pertains to a civil liberty. The student will be required to hand in a copy of the article along with a brief written analysis of the article. Each student will also be required to present the article to the class. This assignment will be graded.

(3) Each student will be graded on class participation and attendance. Failure to attend classes will prevent the student from obtaining the highest possible participation grade. Failure to attend class on a day that an assignment is due will automatically result in a zero for that assignment.

Grading:

Exam # 1	20%
Exam # 2	20%
Exam # 3	20%
Final Exam	25%
Current Event	10%
Participation	5%

****Class Schedule and Assignments:**

** The schedule listed below is tentative and subject to change. If changes are made to either the material to be covered in a particular class or an assignment, you will be notified in the preceding class. This is why attendance is of particular importance.

August 29	Introduction: Civil Liberties/Bill of Rights	Handout
August 31	Nature and Scope of Judicial Review	Handout; p. 1-13
September 5	Fourteenth Amendment/Application to States	p. 102-120
September 7	Criminal Procedure: Arrest, Search & Seizure (4 th Amendment; Privacy)	p. 121-150
September 12	Criminal Procedure: Arrest, Search & Seizure (4 th Amendment; Privacy)	p. 150-168
September 14	Criminal Procedure: Right to Counsel (6 th Amendment; Fair Trial)	p. 182-204
September 19	Criminal Procedure: Interrogation and Confessions (5 th Amendment)	p. 204-217
September 21	Criminal Procedure: Interrogation and Confessions (5 th Amendment)	p.217-242; 253-261; 27-280
September 26	Right to Privacy (14 th Amendment)	p. 283-293; 300-307
September 28	Exam # 1 (Through Criminal Procedure)	
October 3	Right to Privacy (14 th Amendment)	p. 337-363; 366-371; 372-375
October 5	Right to Privacy (14 th Amendment)	p. 384-402; 409-411
October 10	<i>NO CLASS ~ FALL RECESS</i>	
October 12	Cruel and Unusual Punishment (8 th Amendment)	p. 437-450; 455-461
October 17	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 496-500;530-533; 540-545
October 19	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 547-549; 552-560; 572-576 584-592
October 24	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 608-613; 619-622;632- 633; 637-653

October 26	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 712-723; 749-753; 756-762; 766-774
October 31	Exam # 2 (through Freedom of Expression)	
November 2	Freedom of Religion (1 st Amendment)	p. 960-962; 968-979; 983-989
November 7	Freedom of Religion (1 st Amendment)	p. 999-1010; 1019-1022; 1039-1044
November 9	Equal Protection (14 th Amendment)	p. 1065-1069; 1083-1088; 1090- 1093
November 14	Equal Protection (14 th Amendment)	p. 1095-1103; 1107-1112; 1124- 1132
November 16	Equal Protection (14 th Amendment)	p. 1189-1191; 1197-1202; 1240- 1247
November 21	Exam # 3 (through Equal Protection)	
November 23	<i>NO CLASS ~ THANKSGIVING</i>	
November 28	State Action	p.1343-1350; 1352-1354; 1356- 1359
November 30	Congressional Power/Limits on Judicial Power	p. 1395-1400; 1403; 1406-1411 1430-1436
December 5	Liberties post 9/11; current events	Handout
December 7	Review	

FINAL EXAMINATION (CUMULATIVE)
DATE TO BE ASSIGNED BY THE COLLEGE