

CIVIL 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	25%	A = 94% or higher	C = 74-76%
Exam # 2	25%	A- = 90-93%	C- = 73-70%
Final Exam	30%	B+ = 87-89%	D+ = 67-69%
Current Event	10%	B = 84-86%	D = 64-66%
Participation	10%	B- = 80-83%	D- =60-63%
		C+ = 77-79%	F = 59 % or below

****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.

January 15	Introduction: Civil Liberties/Bill of Rights	Handout
January 17	Nature and Scope of Judicial Review	Handout; p. 1-13
January 22	Fourteenth Amendment/Application to States	p. 102-120
January 24	Criminal Procedure: Arrest, Search & Seizure (4 th Amendment; Privacy)	p. 121-150
January 29	Criminal Procedure: Arrest, Search & Seizure (4 th Amendment; Privacy)	p. 150-168
January 31	Criminal Procedure: Right to Counsel (6 th Amendment; Fair Trial)	p. 182-204
February 5	Criminal Procedure: Interrogation and Confessions (5 th Amendment)	p. 204-217
February 7	Criminal Procedure: Interrogation and Confessions (5 th Amendment)	p.217-242; 253-261; 27-280
February 12	Right to Privacy (14 th Amendment)	p. 283-293; 300-307
February 14	Exam # 1 (Through Criminal Procedure)	
February 19	Right to Privacy (14 th Amendment)	p. 337-363; 366-371; 372-375
February 21	Right to Privacy (14 th Amendment)	p. 384-402; 409-411
February 26	Cruel and Unusual Punishment (8 th Amendment)	p. 437-450; 455-461
February 28	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 496-500;530-533; 540-545
March 4-6	<i>Spring Break ~ No Classes</i>	
March 11	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 547-549; 552-560; 572-576 584-592
March 13	Freedom of Expression/Assembly	p. 608-613; 619-622;632-

	(1 st Amendment)	633; 637-653
March 18	Freedom of Expression/Assembly (1 st Amendment)	p. 712-723; 749-753; 756-762; 766-774
March 20	Freedom of Religion (1 st Amendment)	p. 960-962; 968-979; 983-989
March 25	Freedom of Religion (1 st Amendment)	p. 999-1010; 1019-1022; 1039-1044
March 27	Equal Protection (14 th Amendment)	p. 1065-1069; 1083-1088; 1090- 1093
April 1	Exam # 2 (through 1 st Amendment)	
April 3	Equal Protection (14 th Amendment)	p. 1095-1103; 1107-1112; 1124- 1132
April 8	Equal Protection (14 th Amendment)	p. 1189-1191; 1197-1202; 1240- 1247
April 10	State Action	p. 1343-1350; 1352-1354
April 15	State Action/Congressional Power	p. 1356-1359 p. 1395-1400; 1403
April 17	Congressional Power/Limits on Judicial Power	p. 1406-1411; 1430-1436
April 22	Liberties post 9/11; current events	Handout
April 24	Review	

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