

CIVIL LIBERTIES
SOCIOLOGY 221/POLITICAL SCIENCE 221
MORAVIAN COLLEGE
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Tuesday & Thursday 7:30-8:40 AM
PPHAC 115

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Text: Civil Rights and Liberties, Third Edition; John C. Domino

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 FOLLOW THIS POLICY.**

(1) There will be two quizzes, one midterm paper and one final examination. The dates of these quizzes, papers, and 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. If the student misses more than 2 unexcused classes he/she will automatically drop one letter grade in participation.

Grading:

Quiz # 1	15%	A = 94% or higher	C = 74 -76%
Quiz # 2	15%	A- = 90 - 93%	C- = 73 -70%
Midterm Paper	25%	B+ = 87-89%	D+ = 67-69%
Final Exam	30%	B = 84-86%	D = 64-66%
Current Event	10%	B- = 80-83%	D- = 60-63%
Participation	5%	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.

1/17	Introduction: Civil Liberties/Bill of Rights	Handout
1/19	Introduction: Rights and Liberties and the Supreme Court	Chap. 1 p. 1-16
1/24	Introduction: Rights and Liberties and the Supreme Court	Chap. 1 p. 16-26
1/26	Freedom of Expression	Chap. 2 p. 29-42 p. 43-54
1/31	Freedom of Expression	Chap. 2 p. 55-66
2/2	Freedom of Expression	Chap. 2 p. 67-81
2/7	Freedom of Religion/Freedom from Religion Free Exercise Clause	Chap. 3 p.90-102
2/9	Freedom of Religion/Freedom from Religion Free Exercise Clause	Chap. 3 p. 102-112
2/14	Freedom of Religion/Freedom from Religion Establishment Clause	Chap. 3 p. 113-125
2/16	QUIZ #1 and Freedom of Religion/Freedom from Religion Establishment Clause	Chap. 3 p.125-143

2/21	Freedom of Religion/Freedom from Religion Establishment Clause	Chap. 3 p. 143-154
2/23	Due Process Rights and Criminal Justice Searches and Seizures	Chap. 4 p. 159-173
2/28	Due Process Rights and Criminal Justice Searches and Seizures/ Electronic Eavesdropping	Chap. 4 p. 173-191
3/1	MID TERM PROJECT DUE covering material through	p. 154
3/3 & 3/12	SPRING BREAK ~ NO CLASS	
3/13	Due Process Rights and Criminal Justice Aerial Searches/Rt. to Counsel	Chap. 4 p. 191--203
3/15	Due Process Rights and Criminal Justice Police Interrogation	Chap. 4 p. 203--210
3/20	Due Process Rights and Criminal Justice Cruel and Unusual Punishment	Chap. 4 p. 210-227
3/22	Privacy Drug Testing	Chap. 5 p. 231-238
3/27	Privacy Autonomy/Reproductive Freedom	Chap. 5 p. 240-270
3/29	Privacy Sexual Orientation/Rt. to Die/Physician Asst. Suicide	Chap. 5 p. 270-284
4/3	QUIZ # 2 and Equal Protection Racial Discrimination	Chap. 6 p. 288-302
4/5	Equal Protection Racial Discrimination	Chap. 6 p. 302-316
4/10	Equal Protection Affirmative Action	Chap. 6 p. 316-326
4/12	Equal Protection Sex Discrimination	Chap. 6 p. 327-338
4/17	Equal Protection Sexual Harassment	Chap. 6 p. 338-346

4/19	Equal Protection	Sexual Orientation	Chap. 6 p.346-355
4/24	Trends on the Supreme Court		Chap. 7 p. 358-364
4/26	Trends on the Supreme Court Review		Chap. 7 p.364-376

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