Metropolitan State University

POL 333 : Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent, or have instructor's permission.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci , Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

This course focuses on the relationship between the individual and the government. By studying Supreme Court decisions and various pieces of legislation, freedom of speech, privacy, freedom of the press and discrimination are investigated. Responses to issues of equality and justice are analyzed.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understands the relationship between the U.S. Constitution, the legal system and political/social interests and beliefs as it has evolved over time.
2. Can analyze and evaluate differing perspectives on civil rights and civil liberties issues at an upper division college level.
3. Can comprehend and critique court cases and other original texts at an upper division college level.
4. Can write critically and analytically at a level consistent with upper division university standards.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp
1. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
2. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
3. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.
4. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

G. Special Information

None