



Course Name: Constitutional Law and Civil Rights

Course Number: POL*212

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

This course is an intensive study and analysis of the United States Constitution and the powers granted to the federal government, including the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the federal judiciary. This course will also deal with constitutional dilemmas associated with each branch's powers and the separation of power between the branches, as well as the constitutional roles of both federal and state governments. Additionally, the course will analyze the Amendments to the Constitution, which will include a comprehensive study and review of court decisions which interpret the Constitution and influence public policy and the criminal process.

Prerequisite: ENG*E101 - Composition

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

- **HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):** None
- **Additional CSCU General Education Requirements for CSCU Transfer Degree Programs:** None
- **Embedded Competency(ies):** None
- **Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):** SSCI Social Science elective

Course objectives:

Course Specific Objectives:

1. Acquire a thorough understanding of the basic vocabulary of constitutional rights.
2. Acquire a knowledge of substantive and procedural court doctrine.
3. Acquire a knowledge of the political and constitutional dynamics between the federal government and state governments.
4. Develop a critical understanding of the constitutional powers of each branch of the federal government, including the political and legal dilemmas associated with these powers.
5. Develop a critical understanding of civil liberties and their associated dilemmas.

Course Content:

1. Drafting and structuring the Constitution
2. The role of the federal judiciary
3. Congressional powers
4. Executive powers
5. Separation of powers
6. Federalism
7. The Bill of Rights

