

SE '02

Chaminade University of Honolulu  
Spring Evening 2002  
History/Political Science 40130  
U.S. Constitution I  
April 1-June 10, 2002  
Tripler—Bldg. 102

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

**TEXT:** Bland, et. al. Constitutional Law In The United States. Third Edition.

**ORGANIZATION:** This course will run for 10 weeks as outlined below. Classes—on Friday--meet from 5:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. Course format is lecture/discussion, but several videos will be shown and there may be a guest speaker and/or a field trip.

**GRADES:** Your final grade in the course will be based upon your attendance, participation and performance on the examinations and course paper. There will be two examinations, a Mid-Term and a Final, and one Course Paper, of moderate length. The Mid-Term examination will cover about half of the book, up through Chapter VII, and the Final will cover the rest of the text. Attendance, the exams and paper will each count for 25%. However, should your Final Exam and Course Paper show considerable improvement over your earlier effort, they will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of objective and essay questions.

**COURSE PAPER:** The nature and content of the Course Paper will be discussed in class.

**ATTENDANCE:** University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be followed. Attendance, participation and communication with the instructor regarding absences and other course matters **ARE A MUST** and are part of your grade. It is practically impossible to be successful in this course without attending the classes. Please note that no one will pass the course unless the examinations and paper are successfully completed.

**PROCEDURES:** Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your active participation in classroom discussions is greatly encouraged.

**GENERAL OVERVIEW:** The course will examine the nature of law and constitutionalism in the United States, with an emphasis on the struggles for power and calls for accountability from various sectors. A special focus will be on possible constitutional questions and challenges arising from the new war against terrorism.

**April 5:** Course Introduction—Chapters I, II—Law And American Constitutional Development—The American Legal System--

**April 12:** Chapters III, IV—The Supreme Court Of The United States—The Federal Courts And The Doctrine Of Judicial Review--

**April 19:** Chapters V, VI—The Legislative System—The President Of The United States--

**April 26:** Chapters VII, VIII—The Contract Clause—Regulation Of Interstate And Foreign Commerce--

**May 3:** Chapter IX—The General Welfare: National And State—**MID-TERM EXAMINATION--**

**May 10:** Chapter X—Ind. Liberty: The Substantive Freedoms Of The First Amendment—

**May 17:** Chapter XI—Individual Liberty: The Right Of Privacy—

**May 24:** Chapter XII—Individual Liberty: The Procedural Rights Of The Accused—

**May 31:** Chapter XIII—Equal Protection Of The Laws—

**June 7:** Summation/Conclusion--**FINAL EXAMINATION--COURSE PAPER DUE--**