

Chaminade University of Honolulu
 Summer Evening 2003
 History/Political Science 40140
 U.S. Constitution I
 July 7, 2003-September 15, 2003
 Fort Shafter—Bldg. T-320

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 Monday—meet from 5:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. Course format—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 5, 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 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, emphasizing the struggles for power and calls for accountability from different sectors. A special focus will be placed on pressures for constitutional change resulting from the war on terrorism at home and abroad.

July 7: Course Introduction—Chapter I—Law And American Constitutional Development--

July 14: Chapter II—The American Legal System—

July 21: Chapter III--The Supreme Court Of The United States—

July 28: Chapter IV—The Federal Courts And The Doctrine Of Judicial Review—

August 4: Chapter V—The Legislative System—MID-TERM EXAMINATION--

August 11: Chapter VI—The President Of The United States—

August 18: Chapter VII—The Contract Clause—

August 25: Chapter VIII—Regulation Of Interstate And Foreign Commerce—

September 8: Chapter IX—The General Welfare: National And State—

September 15: - -Summation/Conclusion--FINAL EXAMINATION—COURSE PAPER DUE—