Classroom: A 004  
Class Time: TR 9:30am-10:45am  
Office: RAS 215  
Office Hours: TR 10:45am-noon; and by appointment

Required Text  

Course Requirements  
Final Grades will be calculated as follows:

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Written/Oral Assignment  
Near the end of the semester, the class will be divided into “lawyers” and “judges,” and we will present oral arguments for a number of cases on the docket for the next Supreme Court session. Volunteers will be assigned to small lawyer teams who will argue each side of a pending Supreme Court case. The rest of the class will be divided into groups of “judges” and assigned to a particular case. Lawyers will be responsible for preparing and presenting “briefs” in front of the class. Judges will have three responsibilities: First, they will need to prepare penetrating questions based on the briefs and will ask the lawyers these questions during the presentation; Second, they will have a conference where they vote on the outcome of the case; Third, they will each write individual “opinions,” explaining why the law required them to vote the way they did. More specific directions will be given as the assignment approaches.

Participation and Attendance  
Students are expected to do all the assigned reading and to be in class for every session. Active participation in class discussion is an indispensable part of this class. The material you will need to know for the exams is difficult. Reading and talking about it is the only way to digest it in a way sufficient to prepare you to excel.

More than 5 absences will result in a zero for this portion of course. Students expecting to receive a good grade for the course will plan to be in class every day, on time. Coming late to class is disrespectful and distracting. Anyone not present at the beginning and the end of class
will be marked absent.

**Exams**
There will be 2 exams. The midterm exam will be worth 30% of the total grade for the course. The final exam will be worth 40%. These exams will be essay and short answer identifications, and will require you to thoroughly know the material. Blue books will be provided along with the exam questions at the beginning of the exam period. The **midterm exam** will be on 9/29. The **final exam** is scheduled for 11/24 from 8-10am.

**Course Policy on Electronic Devices**
Use of **cell phones** is strictly **forbidden**. Please turn these off and put them away **before** coming to class. Other electronic devices such as laptops and tablets are also prohibited, unless given special permission from the instructor. (Permission will not ordinarily be given to students for the purpose of taking notes. The old-fashioned method of taking notes in a notebook will have to suffice unless students have a special disability that makes writing physically burdensome.) If you possess any such devices and carry them with you to class, they should not be seen or heard by anyone in the room.

**Academic Integrity**
Cheating, plagiarism, and other violations of the honor code will not be tolerated. See ASU’s policies at [http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf](http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf)

**Tentative Course Outline**

**Week I - Introduction: The Constitution, Constitutional Law, and Constitutional Rights**

*The Constitution of the United States of America* (pp. 830-32), especially The Preamble, **Amendments I-X** (the “Bill of Rights”), and **VIII-XV** (the “Reconstruction Amendments”); pp. 1-48; and 60-61 (*Barron v. Baltimore*).

**Week II - Rights Under the Constitution**

pp. 48-117

**Week III - Freedom of Speech**

pp. 180-194; 201-240

**Week IV - Freedom of Press and Association**

pp. 194-200; 240-275

**Week V - Freedom of Religion**


**Week VI - Freedom of Religion cont.**

pp. 327-356; *Espinoza v. Montana Dept. of Revenue*; *Little Sisters v. Pennsylvania*; and *Our Lady of Guadalupe v. Morrisey-Berry*

**Midterm Exam - 9/29**
Week VII - Criminal Procedure  
pp. 357-370; 393-433  
Week VIII - Criminal Procedure cont.  
pp. 370-392; 433-500  
Week IX - The Equal Protection Clause and Racial Discrimination  
pp. 501-567  
Week X - Substantive Equal Protection  
pp. 568-586; 590-652  
Week XI - Fundamental Rights; Voting and Representation  
pp. 586-589; 652-660  
pp. 661-726  
Week XII - Oral Arguments  
Week XIII - The Right to Privacy  
pp. 727-806  
Week XIV - Etc.  
pp. 806-821  

Final Exam - 11/24

University Statements
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:
Angelo State University Student Handbook
Angelo State University Catalog

Religious Holidays:
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information. It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

Student Disability Services:
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.  
Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing
Title IX

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form

Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

Phone: 325-942-2022

Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State's policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

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