

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

LEGL

Course Number

2153

Course Title

American Constitutional Law

Catalog Description

Studies the Constitution and its development throughout the history of our nation. The first half of the course examines the United States Supreme Court as a political institution as well as the concepts of judicial review, federalism, separation of powers, regulation of commerce, due process, and equal protection. The second half of the course introduces civil liberties and the fundamental rights of the individual.

Prerequisites:

LEGL 1043

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

On Demand

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify the three branches of the United States government and their roles.
- Explain the concept of separation of powers.
- Articulate the roles of the federal, state and local governments.

- Articulate the concept of federalism and how it impacts states' rights.
- Describe and apply the civil liberties and rights protected under the U.S. Constitution.
- Describe the due process and equal protection clauses of the U.S. Constitution and their impact on civil rights.
- Articulate when a law can deprive people of certain freedoms.
- Describe the freedoms protected by the Constitution such as, speech, assembly and religion.
- Articulate the standards the courts use in determining whether, and in what manner, government agents may restrict freedoms.
- Articulate the economic and property rights protected by the U.S. Constitution.
- Describe the protections afforded a criminal suspect under the U.S. Constitution.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- N/A

Standard Practices

Topics list

- N/A

Learning activities

- N/A

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A

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