Nebraska Wesleyan University

POLSC 2500 Constitutional Law

Catalog

2026-2027

Course Description

This course explores the U.S. Constitution with a specific emphasis on civil rights and liberties, examining how landmark legal decisions have defined and redefined individual freedoms and equality under the law. Students will study the historical development and evolution of
constitutional protections, theories of constitutional interpretation, and key Supreme Court cases that have shaped civil rights and liberties in areas such as free speech, equal protection, and due process. The course
emphasizes the analysis of constitutional issues, the role of the judiciary in addressing societal controversies, and the impact of constitutional law on advancing or restricting civil rights. Students will develop skills in reading case law and critically evaluating the nature and limits of
constitutional decision-making in shaping a just society.

Archway Curriculum: Essential Connections: Writing Instructive
Archway Curriculum: Justice Thread

Course Hours

4 hours

Departments

1. Political Science