

Course:

POLSC 2500 Constitutional Law

4 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

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Political Science (B.A., B.S.)

Departments/Programs:

Political Science

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.