

SYLLABUS
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I
Professor Adrien Wing
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I. INTRODUCTION

Constitutional Law I will meet Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 1:10-2:10pm.

II. COURSE MATERIALS

The texts for the course are: Stone, Seidman Sunstein, Tushnet & Karlan, Constitutional Law, (Aspen, 5th ed. 2005); and the 2005 Supplement. There will be handouts as well.

III. COURSE COVERAGE

This survey course is intended to familiarize you with major features of the distribution of powers among all 3 branches of the federal government, and the allocation of power between the state and federal governments. We will cover Sections I-IV of the text:

- I Role of the Supreme Court in the Constitutional Order
- II Federalism at Work: Congress and the National Economy
- III The Scope of Congress's Powers: Taxing and Spending, War Powers, Individual Rights, and State Autonomy
- IV The Distribution of National Powers

Although we will go slowly at first, the pace will quicken. At some points, we may attempt to cover 20 pages per day. Specific page assignments will be made in class. Make sure to read all relevant parts of the supplement.

IV. ASSIGNMENTS

The assignment for the first class is to read the entire constitution at pp. xliii-lix. The assignment for the second class is to read Handout 1.

V. PROFESSOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Pursuant to the open door policy, you are free to consult with me throughout the semester.

In addition to course issues, I am willing to discuss future career plans, review resumes, and give curricular advice. The best time to confer with me is right after class. Do not contact me in the hour prior to class. My office is room 410 and the phone is 335-9129. Please leave a voice mail if I am not in the office and you wish to schedule an appointment. You can also contact me by email at adrien-wing@uiowa.edu.

My secretary is Amanda Bibb in rm 486. Her phone number is 353-4420. Her email is amanda-bibb@uiowa.edu.

If you anticipate needing course adaptations or accommodations, please contact Dean Linda McGuire during the first week.

VI. CLASS ATTENDANCE

Constitutional Law is a difficult subject, and there is no substitute for careful preparation of the assignments and consistent class attendance. The ABA and the Law School rules require regular class attendance. Students with excessive absences may have their grade lowered or be disenrolled from the course.

VII. COURSE EVALUATION

There will be a take home essay open book final exam which will count 100% of the grade. The exam will be scored anonymously. Further details will be discussed in class.