

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1151**

### **Constitutional Law**

**This is an information sheet only, not the course syllabus.**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Development and history of the Federal U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights; substantive content of the amendments and corresponding state provisions; and emphasis on recent court interpretations and trends. Prerequisite: None. (3 credit hours)

#### **COURSE MATERIALS**

**TEXT:** *Constitutional Law and the Criminal Justice System*, 2008, Fourth Edition, Harr, J. Scott, and Hess, Karen M., Thomson Wadsworth a/k/a Cengage Learning. If the text is purchased from a local bookstore it will come bundled with a supplement and the **ISBN will be: 0495-436356**. For the textbook alone, the **ISBN will be: 0495-09543-5**.

#### **EVALUATION/GRADING**

The final grade for the course will be based upon total points accumulated throughout the term. A maximum of 400 points may be earned as follows: four exams totaling 200 points; 13 assignments totaling 130 points; a research paper worth 50 points; and 20 points for discussion board participation. The grading scale is listed below:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
A	360 – 400 points
B	320 – 359 points
C	280 – 319 points
D	240 – 279 points
F	0 – 239 points

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will have a fundamental understanding of: the history of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; the development of the US. Constitution and that of the Amendments; how the Illinois Constitution compares with the Federal Constitution; and how to analyze and brief specific U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

The course is divided into units that consist of multiple chapters. There will be an exam at the end of each unit and assignments for most chapters. The research paper may be written on a constitutional law topic of the student's choice.

#### **SATISFACTORY/FAIL OPTION**

The S/F grade option is available to students in this course. Contact the instructor or refer to the syllabus for details and conditions.

#### **INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY**

The Incomplete grade option is not available in this course.