

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW



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This course is an introduction to American constitutional law and will cover fundamental doctrine and contemporary, controversial disputes in constitutional law. Among subjects to be covered are the origins of the American Constitution, the foundations and scope of judicial review, basic separation of powers, Congress' institutional protections and powers, executive power under the federal Constitution, and the basic civil liberties under the federal Constitution. The contemporary conflicts to be discussed will be Senate refusal to take action on President Obama's nomination to fill the open seat on the Supreme Court, the President's decision not to enforce the Defense of Marriage Act, executive orders on immigration, Constitutional protections of economic liberties, reproductive rights, gay marriage, and claims pertaining to freedom of speech on college campuses and religious liberty under the Constitution.

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