

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I
SYLLABUS
SUMMER 2019**

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The Casebook is Smolla & Banks, *Constitutional Law: Structure and Rights in Our Federal System* (7th Edition 2019)

There will be a mid-term assessment on Monday July 1, consisting of multiple choice and essay questions. I will provide many examples of multiple choice and essay questions as we go through the assignments throughout the first half of the course. The mid-term assessment will count for 25% of the grade.

The final exam will count for 75% of the grade, and will also involve multiple choice and essay questions. The mid-term assessment and the final exam are entirely closed-book.

Assignment Schedule

DATE	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENTS
Monday June 10	What Does “Religion” Mean?	§ 8.01
	Rituals and Symbols in the Public Arena	§ 8.02[A]
Wednesday June 12	Rituals and Symbols in School Settings	§§ 8.02[B] & [C]
	Aid to Religion	
	Free Exercise of Religion	§ 8.03
Monday June 17	Religious Disputes in Secular Courts	§ 8.04
	Competing Conceptions of Free Speech	§ 9.01
Wednesday June 19	Speech and Lawless Activity	§ 9.02
	Vulgar, Graphic and Offensive Speech	§ 9.03
Monday June 24	Content-Based, Viewpoint-Based, and Content-Neutral Regulation	§ 9.04
Wednesday June 26	Obscene and Pornographic Speech	§ 9.05 (<i>Do not read Ashcroft v. ACLU, on page 1070—you may skip this case.</i>)

Monday July 1	Mid-Term Assessment	A one-hour assessment followed by a review session on the assessment.
Wednesday July 3	Free Speech and Tort Liability	§ 9.06
Monday July 8	Prior Restraints	§ 9.07
	Commercial Speech	§ 9.08
Wednesday July 10	Campaign Finance and the Political Process	§ 9.09
	Public Forum Law	§ 9.10
Monday July 15	Government Speech	§ 9.11
	Government Funding	§ 9.12
Wednesday July 17	Government Employees	§ 9.13
	Education	§ 9.14
Monday July 22	The Legal System	§ 9.15
	Anonymous Speech	§ 9.16
	Forced Speech	§ 9.17
	Freedom of Expressive Association	§ 9.18
Wednesday July 24	Journalism and the First Amendment	§ 9.19
	Review of Course	
Monday July 29	Final Exam	Final Exam