

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 227

Constitutional Law for Justice Personnel

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Surveys the basic guarantees of liberty described in the U. S. Constitution and the historical development of these restrictions on government power, primarily through U. S. Supreme Court decisions. Reviews rights of free speech, press, assembly, as well as criminal procedure guarantees (to counsel, jury trial, habeas corpus, etc.) as they apply to the activities of those in the criminal justice system.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Canvas

Textbook:

Harr. *Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice System, 7th edition*. Cengage publishing: ISBN 978-1-337-50000-5

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Acquire knowledge of the historical development of restrictions on governmental power
- Obtain an overall understanding of how the U.S. Constitution applies in today's world
- Understand the basic rights guaranteed in the Constitution
- Learn and understand U.S. Courts' decisions interpreting the Constitution

Topical Description

1	Historical Development of Constitutional Rights
2	U.S. Supreme Court Decisions
3	Free Speech, Press and Assembly
4	Criminal Procedure Guarantees
5	Habeas Corpus
6	Crime prevention
7	Jury Trial
8	Right to Counsel

Notes to Instructors

[ADA Statement \(PDF\)](#)

[Title IX Statement \(PDF\)](#)