

E. Memorandum from the Constitutional Law Faculty

TO: *All Students*

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RE: *Course selection*

Constitutional issues are pervasive in our legal system and increasingly integral to the general practice of law. It is no accident that the bar examination regularly includes essay and multiple choice questions on the range of constitutional subjects – civil rights and civil liberties, governmental powers and organization, criminal procedure, jurisdiction, and the role and power of courts. Fortunately, the Law School offers a very broad a range of constitutional courses.

Our recommendation of constitutional law courses is not limited to students who plan to pursue employment or a career in fields to which constitutional law is central, such as civil rights, criminal law and various public interest areas, or in government service, public policy fields or as a judicial clerk before practicing.

We recommend that *all students* select at least three courses in constitutional law in addition to the required first-year course, particularly since our required 4-credit course has fewer credits than many other law schools require. In the list of courses that follows, we have marked with asterisks four courses that are important if not necessary to practice and integral to a basic education in American law.

In the field of civil rights and civil liberties, the following courses offer an understanding of individual rights by focusing on a particular right or a range of rights (selection of at least one is recommended):

Political and Civil Rights (covers the range of rights)*
Criminal Procedure I*
First Amendment
Race and the Law

Political and Civil Rights is our version of the “Constitutional Law II” course offered or required at many law schools and is taken by a very high proportion of Temple students.

The following courses cover governmental organization, jurisdiction and the role and power of courts (selection of at least two is recommended):

Federal Courts and Jurisdiction*
Conflict of Laws*

**Comparative Constitutional Law
Constitutional Law and Foreign Policy
Globalization and the Constitution**

Other courses with some constitutional components include:

**Criminal Procedure II
Death Penalty Writing Seminar
Education Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Citizenship, Immigration and Refugee Law
International Protection of Human Rights
Citizenship in Constitutional Perspective
Introduction to Public Interest Law
Race & Gender Equality in Commercial Law, Markets, & Business
Organizations
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & the Law
Juvenile Justice
Public Health Law**