



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: CJC 231 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

HOURS: Lecture: 3 Lab/Shop: 0 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course covers the impact of the Constitution of the United States and its amendments on the criminal justice system. Topics include the structure of the Constitution and its amendments, court decisions pertinent to contemporary criminal justice issues, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to identify/discuss the basic structure of the United States Constitution and the rights/procedures as interpreted by the courts.

PREREQUISITE(S): None

COREQUISITE(S): None

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the construction and development of the US Constitution.
2. Explain the importance of the US Constitution to the American legal system.
3. Discuss how and why courts have interpreted the US Constitution.
4. Explain the concepts of separation of powers, checks and balances, and federalism.
5. Identify selected individual rights and liberties as established by the US Constitution.
6. Identify and explain specific constitutional amendments associated with the rights of the accused in criminal matters.
7. Discuss the methods utilized by the law enforcement function to protect selected individual rights and liberties including the rights of the accused.
8. Identify and discuss the basic source(s) of citizens' rights in a selected international culture.

*****Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.**