



Stephen P. Halbrook, THE FOUNDERS' SECOND AMENDMENT: ORIGINS OF THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS (2008)

The two books for the class will be provided (at no charge) during the first class but I'll have to charge you each a \$30 copying fee to cover all the materials that will be distributed during the course. Please bring a check made out to HULS. If you go on the voluntary "field trip," there will be some cost to you as well.

**Supplemental materials:**

The class handouts are part of the course.

**Laptops**

The instructor reserves the discretionary authority to limit or ban laptops if their use becomes too distracting.

**Attendance and grading:**

Attendance is taken each day by passing around an Attendance Sheet for you to initial. If you arrive too late to sign in, you have missed the class. More than three unexcused absences (or two in a row) is excessive and you will be involuntarily withdrawn from the class.

This is a "paper" course. There will be an un-graded draft and a graded final version of no less than 40 typed pages (exclusive of endnotes).

**Advance assignment:**

A packet of materials for the initial class session will be placed in your Law School mailbox a week before the first class session. Please pick it up and read its contents.

As you will discover, there is a lot of reading for this class. There are 20 items in the initial packet. Make certain you scan them all and read carefully the following:

Cottrol, WANT GUN CONTROL? ENFORCE THE SECOND AMENDMENT!

Volokh, GUNS AND THE CONSTITUTION

Polsby, THE FALSE PROMISE OF GUN CONTROL

Wright, TEN ESSENTIAL OBSERVATIONS ON GUNS IN AMERICA

Kopel, CRIME: THE INNER CITY CRISIS

The essay by Jeffrey Snyder, A NATION OF COWARDS, is a “thought piece” designed to stimulate a broad discussion of the place of legitimate force (“violence” to some) in a society.

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