

Civil Rights
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Purpose: The course is designed to provide an overview of major federal civil rights laws and their interpretation by the Supreme Court and other federal courts.

Requirements: (1) Class attendance is required. (2) Each student is to come to class prepared. (3) Class participation is expected and encouraged. (4) Students who provide exceptional class participation, extra credit will be awarded. (5) A take home final exam will be given.

Text: Theodore Eisenberg, *Civil Rights Legislation: Cases and Materials, Fifth Edition*

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

August 26 Overview of Class and Class Requirements; Introduction and Background **pp. 3-23**

September 2 Fourteenth Amendment; Section 1983 Cause of Action Part 1 **pp. 24-99**

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September 16 **NO CLASS**

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October 7 Sovereign Immunity **pp. 335-400**

October 14 Remedies for Violations of Constitutional Rights: Damages **pp. 591-645**

October 21 Remedies for Violations of Constitutional Rights: Equitable Relief **pp. 645-687**

October 28 Sections 1981 and 1982; **pp. 819-867**

November 4 Fair Housing Act; Affirmative Action in Government Contracts **pp. 867-931**

November 11 Employment Discrimination Part 1 **pp. 933-985**

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November 25 Title VI Discrimination **pp. 1229-1272**

December 4 Americans with Disabilities Act **pp. 1305-1374**