

Political Science 271. American Constitutional Law
MAJOR CASES

Wk. 1, Sept. 7: Introduction. (No cases! But just wait....)

Wk 2, Sept. 12-14: Our Compromise Constitution; Marshall's Federalist Constitution.

Marbury v. Madison

Martin v. Hunter's Lessee

Cohens v. Virginia

Wk. 3, Sept. 19-21: From the Federalist Constitution to the Jacksonian Constitution.

McCulloch v. Maryland

Gibbons v. Ogden

Cooley v. Board of Wardens of Port of Philadelphia

Fletcher v. Peck

Dartmouth College v. Woodward

Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge

Wk. 4, Sept. 26-28: Slavery, War, and the Free Labor Amendments

Prigg v. Pennsylvania

Dred Scott v. Sandford

The Prize Cases

Ex parte Milligan

Ex parte McCardle

Wk. 5, Oct. 3-5: The Social, Economic and Racial Darwinist Constitution

Slaughter-House Cases

Bradwell v. State of Illinois

Civil Rights Cases

Plessy v. Ferguson

Munn v. Illinois

Lochner v. New York

Adkins v. Children's Hospital

U.S. v. E.C. Knight (Sugar Trust Case)

Shreveport Rate Case

Hammer v. Dagenhart (Child Labor Case)

Bailey v. Drexel Furniture Co.

Wk. 6, Oct. 10-12: The New Deal Constitution and Economic Regulation

Schechter Poultry Corp. v. U.S.

Carter v. Carter Coal Co.

NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.
Wickard v. Filburn
U.S. v. Darby
West Coast Hotel v. Parrish

Wk. 7, Oct. 19: The New Deal Constitution, Federalism, and Executive Powers

U.S. v. Butler
Steward Machine Co. v. Davis/Helvering v. Davis (Social Security Act Cases)
Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer (The Steel Seizure Case)
Korematsu v. United States

Wk. 8, Oct. 24-26: Civil Rights and the Activist Liberal Constitution

Brown v. Bd. of Education, I and II
Bolling v. Sharpe
Cooper v. Aaron
Green v. New Kent County School Board
Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Heart of Atlanta Motel v. U.S.

Wk. 9, Oct. 31-Nov. 2: Race and the Limits to Liberal Activism

Milliken v. Bradley
Missouri v. Jenkins I
Bd. of Ed. of Oklahoma City v. Dowell
Missouri v. Jenkins II
Regents of U. of California v. Bakke
Fullilove v. Klutznick
Richmond v. Croson
Adarand Contractors v. Pena
Grutter v. Bollinger
Gratz v. Bollinger

Wk. 10, Nov. 7-9: Privacy/Autonomy, Tradition, and the Activist Constitution

Griswold v. Connecticut
Roe v. Wade
Harris v. McRae
Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health
Webster v. Reproductive Health Services
Planned Parenthood of SE Pennsylvania v. Casey
Stenberg v. Carhart
Bowers v. Hardwick
Lawrence v. Texas

Wk. 11, Nov. 14-16: Gender Activism: Vanquished or Victorious?

Frontiero v. Richardson

Craig v. Boren

Personnel Administrator of Mass. v. Feeney

Michael M. v. Superior CT.

Rostker v. Goldberg

Mississippi University for Women School of Nursing v. Hogan

Johnson v. Transportation Agency

Automobile Workers v. Johnson Controls

U.S. v. Virginia

Wk. 12, Nov. 21-23: The Separation of Powers Revived

INS v. Chadha

Bowsher v. Synar

Morrison v. Olson

Clinton v. New York

Wk. 13, Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Federalism Revived; Judicial Umpires Rule?

US Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton

U.S. v. Lopez

U.S. v. Morrison

National League of Cities v. Usery

Garcia v. San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority

Saenz v. Roe

Wk. 14, Dec. 7-9: The Constitution and the Nation's Quest for Direction

Bush v. Gore