

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

## **COURSE SCHEDULE AND CHECKLIST:**

### **I. Week One: A Foundation for Understanding Constitutional Law, part I**

#### **Chapter Readings:**

1. A Historical Overview
2. An Overview of the U.S. Legal System

#### **Assignments:**

1. Read the Syllabus
2. Self-Expectation form
3. Introduction
4. Discussion Board
5. Writing Assignment
6. Quiz

### **II. Week Two: A Foundation for Understanding Constitutional Law, part II**

#### **Chapter Readings:**

1. The U.S. Supreme Court
2. Equal Protection under the Law

#### **Assignments:**

1. Discussion Board
2. Current News Article
3. Quiz
4. Final Paper Proposal

### **III. Week Three: The First Amendment and The Second Amendment**

#### **Chapter Readings:**

1. The First Amendment

**V. Week Five: The Fifth and Sixth Amendments**

**Chapter Readings:**

1. The Fifth Amendment: Obtaining Information Legally
2. The Sixth Amendment: Right to Counsel and a Fair Trial

**Assignments:**

1. Discussion Board
2. Writing Assignment
3. Quiz
4. Research Paper Update

**VI. Week Six: The Eighth Amendment & The Remaining Amendments**

**Chapter Readings:**

1. The Eighth Amendment
2. The Remaining Amendments and a Return to the Constitution

**Assignments:**

1. Discussion Board
2. Writing Assignment
3. Quiz

**VII. Week Seven: Conclusion**

**Assignments:**

1. Research Paper
2. Final Exam on content from Weeks 4-6
3. Self-Evaluation

**SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS:**

1. Cengage.com student site for the textbook
2. Text of the U.S. Constitution
3. Videos, Wilmington Library
4. Internet sites