

**Civil Liberties  
Administrative Announcements,  
Rules, Policies, and Syllabus  
Fall 2009**

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**Office Hours:**

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Also by appointment (call 324-9953)

**Course Materials:**

John C. Jeffries, Jr., Pamela S. Karlan, Peter W. Low & George A. Rutherglen, *Civil Rights Actions: Enforcing The Constitution* (2d ed. 2007);

2009 Update Memo (available on TWEN);

I will also post additional materials on TWEN.

**Classroom Meetings:**

Section 30 – Tuesday & Thursday 1:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. in Room 321

**Attendance:**

Our academic rules and the American Bar Association standards require that faculty announce and enforce attendance policies. Please attend classes regularly and **be on time**. I will take attendance at the beginning of every class by circulating an attendance roster, which you will mark personally. You may NOT mark the roster for someone else, and someone else may NOT mark the roster for you. You are responsible for marking the roster before the end of class. If you do not do so, my records will indicate that you were absent that class. I maintain records of each student's attendance. Some students maintain their own attendance records. If there is a conflict between a student's attendance records and mine, my records control.

You may be absent **four classes** during the semester. Any absences beyond this number will result in your grade for the course being lowered. If you miss five or six classes, your grade will be lowered one level (B- to C+, for example); if you miss seven or eight classes, your grade will be lowered two levels (B- to C, for example); for absences of

nine or ten classes, your grade will be lowered three levels, etc. If you anticipate having to miss more than four classes, please see me as soon as possible.

You are responsible for contacting me to get any handout materials I may have distributed during the class you missed. Please do not wait until the following class to get handouts from the previous class.

**Course Requirements, Class Preparation and Participation:**

To a large extent, the success of a class depends on the level of students' preparation. It goes without saying that the professor, also, must be prepared. I will be prepared for every class, and I ask that you, also, be prepared for every class.

**Professional Conduct and Classroom Etiquette:**

Please observe professional behavior at all times and please avoid causing class disruptions. Therefore, please

1. Do not come to class unprepared;
2. Do not come class late;
3. Do not leave the classroom, unless you experience an emergency;
4. Do not allow your cell phone, personal digital assistant, or other electronic device to make any noise during class;
5. Do not use your computer for inappropriate purposes during class, including, but not limited to playing games or music, browsing the internet, composing, sending or receiving email, instant messages, text messages or similar communications, using headphones, using the computer in any way that is distracting to your classmates, or using the computer for any purpose other than authorized class use.

The first violation of the electronic device or computer rules will result in a ban on the device for the next class the student attends. A second violation will result in a ban on the device for the next two classes the student attends. A third violation will result in a ban on the device for the remainder of the semester.

**Grading:**

Your grade for the course is based on your performance on a three hour essay exam that will be given on December 17, 2009.

**Grading Scale**

90.00% – 100%	A
87.00% – 89.99%	B+
83.00% – 86.99%	B
80.00% – 82.99%	B-
77.00% – 79.99%	C+

73.00% – 76.99%	C
70.00% – 72.99%	C-
65.00% – 69.99%	D+
60.00% – 64.99%	D
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## **Syllabus**

Class 1 – August 25, 2009:	Register on TWEN site; Pages 1-19, Sovereign Immunity and the Eleventh Amendment
Class 2 – August 27, 2009:	Pages 20-31, Attempted Circumventions of State Sovereign Immunity
Class 3 – September 1, 2009:	Pages 32-47, 52-60, “Under Color of Law”, The Eleventh Amendment and § 1983
Class 4 – September 3, 2009:	Pages 48-52, “Under Color of Law” and State Action
Class 5 – September 8, 2009:	Pages 60-74, Suits against Federal Officers
Class 6 – September 10, 2009:	Catch up and review
Class 7 – September 15, 2009:	Pages 74-104, Absolute Immunity
Class 8 – September 17, 2009:	Pages 105-124, Qualified Immunity
Class 9 – September 22, 2009:	Pages 124-132, 136, 137, 142-147, Qualified Immunity
Class 10 – September 24, 2009:	Pages 132-136, Qualified Immunity
Class 11 – September 29, 2009:	Pages 138-142, 147-152, Qualified Immunity
Class 12 – October 1, 2009:	Catch up and review
Class 13 – October 6, 2009:	Pages 152-169, Qualified Immunity
Class 14 – October 8, 2009:	Pages 169-173, Qualified Immunity
Class 15 – October 13, 2009:	Pages 173-188, Governmental Liability
Class 16 – October 15, 2009:	Pages 188-215, Governmental Liability
Class 17 – October 20, 2009:	Pages 215-236, Governmental Liability
Class 18 – October 22, 2009:	Pages 237-257, Governmental Liability
Class 19 – October 27, 2009:	Pages 257-277, For What Wrongs?

Class 20 – October 29, 2009:	Pages 277-285, For What Wrongs?
Class 21 – November 3, 2009:	Pages 285-315, For What Wrongs?
Class 22 – November 5, 2009:	Pages 316-341, For What Wrongs?
Class 23 – November 10, 2009:	Pages 642-656, 683-707, 42 U.S.C. § 1981
Class 24 – November 12, 2009:	Pages 474-504, Habeas Corpus
Class 25 – November 17, 2009:	Pages 544-560, Exhaustion of Remedies
Class 26 – November 19, 2009:	Pages 515-531, Res Judicata
Class 27 – November 24, 2009:	Pages 532-544, Statutes of Limitations
Class 28 – December 1, 2009:	Pages 343-355, Damages

**December 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Final Examination**

**Students with Disabilities:** It is the policy of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to create inclusive learning environments. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or to accurate assessment of achievement, such as time-limited exams, inaccessible web content, or the use of non-captioned videos-please notify the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs ((501) 324-9438) as soon as possible. Students are also welcome to contact the Disability Resource Center, telephone (501) 569-3143 (v/tty). For more information, visit the DRC website at <http://ualr.edu/disability/>.