

**Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**  
**Sociology 159**  
Fall, 2009  
Syllabus

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Class: Thursday 5-7:50; WLH 2204  
Office Hours: SSB 467 • Thursday 3:45 to 4:45, by appointment

Week 1: Rights and Liberties

- *On Liberty* by John Stuart Mill
- District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)

**Thursday, September 24:** A Right to Liberty

For Next Class:

- “*A Bill for Establishing Religious Liberty*” & Reynolds Wisconsin v. Yoder
- Everson & McReary...

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Week 2: Religious Liberty

**Thursday, October 1:** Freedoms of and from Religion

For Next Class:

- Abrams
- Brandenburg
- Cohen v. California

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Week 3: Freedom of Speech

- **Thursday, October 8:** Speak No Evil

For Next Class:

- Articles on Native American Law + Culture

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Week 4: Native Americans + Review

- **Thursday, October 15:** Nation Within a Nation

For Next Class:

- *Study*

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Week 5: Midterm

- **Thursday, October 22: MIDTERM EXAMINATION ON LIBERTY, RELIGION, SPEECH, AND NATIVE AMERICANS**

For Next Class:

- Gratz v. Bollinger
- U.S. v. Smith
- Waterhouse

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Week 6: Equal Protection

- **Thursday, October 29: Of Race and Right**

For Next Class:

- *The Birth of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill of Rights*
- *Losing Ground*

- *San Antonio v. Rodriguez*

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### Week 7: Poverty

- **Thursday, November 5: Charity or Right**

For Next Class:

- *Miranda*
- *Katz*
- *Boumediene v Bush*

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### Week 8: The American Criminal I

- **Thursday, November 12: Criminal Investigation**

For Next Class:

- *8 Years in a LA Jail*
- *McClesky*
- *Atkins*

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### Week 9: The American Criminal II

- **Thursday, November 19: Criminal Punishment**

For Next Class:

- *Political Rights*
- *The Spurs of Texas are Upon You*
- *Kelo*

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Week 10: Thanksgiving, No Class

• **Thursday, November 26**

For Next Class:

- *Political Rights*
- *The Spurs of Texas are Upon You*
- Kelo

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Week 11: The Rights of Citizenship

• **Thursday, December 3: Securing these Rights + Review**

For Next Class:

- *Study*

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Week 12: Final Exam Week

• **Friday, December 11, 7 to 10 PM: Final, Place TBA**