Course Objectives: We will study federal constitutional and statutory provisions regulating the federal courts with an emphasis on the limitations of federal court jurisdiction. Topics to be studied will include the "case or controversy requirement;” the political question doctrine; subject matter jurisdiction; the original and appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court; the Eleventh Amendment; the Anti-Injunction Act; the abstention doctrines; the authority of Congress to establish Article I courts; and implied right of actions.

Prerequisites: None


Recommended Hornbook: E. Chemerinsky, Federal Jurisdiction

Grading and Attendance: There is no formal attendance policy. The final examination will be 3 hours long. It will be an open book examination. Superior class participation can earn students points on the final examination.

To arrange a make-up examination, students are to consult with Associate Dean Sobelson. The decision to allow students to take make-up examinations will be based on the policies stated in the College of Law Bulletin.

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ASSIGNMENTS

1. p. 265 (Article III).
3. pp. 408-432 (Standing).
5. pp. 453-475 (Standing).
7. pp. 489-509 (Ripeness & Mootness).
11. pp. 188-189 (Gesber), Sandoval Handout (Implied Rights of Action).
17. pp. 1016-1032 (Eleventh Amendment).
18. pp. 1032-1052 (Eleventh Amendment).
22. pp. 701-725 (Abstention).


25. pp. 265-293 (Congressional Control of Jurisdiction).


28. Open.

This syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.