

Course Syllabus

Suggested text: The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited, by Jeffrey A. Segal and Harold J. Spaeth (Cambridge University Press, 2002)

I. Introduction to the legal system and the Supreme Court (11/11)

Readings

1. *Marbury v. Madison* <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/5/137/>
(For a shorter explanation of the case see <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1789-1850/5us137>)
2. Federalist No. 78
3. Anti-Federalist No. XV (15)
4. Segal and Spaeth, pp. 20-25

II. Introduction to the legal and attitudinal models; Freedom of Religion (11/18)

Readings

1. Segal and Spaeth, pp. 26-27; pp. 86-97
2. *Carson v. Makin* <https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/20-1088>
3. *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/21-418>
4. *John Does 1–3 v. Mills*
https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/21a90_6j37.pdf#page=2

III. Second Amendment (12/2)

Readings

1. *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*
https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-843_new_m648.pdf