

Constitutional Law

Tuesdays: 8:30-9:30

Grade/Age Level: 11-12

Student MUST BE at least 16 BY THE BEGINNING OF CO-OP

**NOTE: I offer this class every other year (in election years).
So if you student is an 11th grader this fall (September 2018),
you may want to enroll him/her for this class, so they take it before they graduate.**

Teacher: Jordan Lorence

Student Fee: \$20

Class Size Limit: 20 (parents welcomed)

This class will study the United States Constitution, its history and major provisions. The goal of this class is to give students a working knowledge of the structure of the Constitution, an understanding of major Supreme Court decisions interpreting the Constitution, and an understanding of current and past controversies over the interpretation of the Constitution. The class will also include an overview of Supreme Court procedure and how the justices decide cases. The class format will include lectures, discussions and an occasional PowerPoint presentation. I also plan to include a section on the constitutional battle over the definition of marriage and related legal issues, and why it is constitutional to define marriage as one man and one woman.

Also, we will discuss current events in Washington or at the Supreme Court when they are relevant to constitutional law. Mr. Lorence will present the course material from a Biblical worldview.

We will use for the class Michael Farris' book, *Constitutional Law for Enlightened Citizens* (Second Edition), which is available at www.hslda.org and other locations. We will also use some handouts.

Required Weekly Homework: Read the assignments, usually a Supreme Court decision or two, and be ready to discuss them in class each week. I will have the students write short summaries (called "briefs") on many, but not all, of the cases we read.

Grades: I plan to offer grades. The grades will be based on a midterm exam, a final exam, a report or essay on a major constitutional topic or case, weekly submission of briefs (short summaries) on the cases to be discussed at each class, and class participation.

Note on Occasional Absences: Sometimes, my work will require me to be gone on a Tuesday morning. I will either cancel the class that day, or have an audio lecture for the students.

Information on the Instructor: Jordan Lorence is an attorney who has practiced constitutional law since 1984. He works for Alliance Defending Freedom and the Home School Legal Defense Association. He has litigated many cases around the nation and has also argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. He frequently appears on radio and television to comment on constitutional law matters in the news.