



Ecclesiastical Law Class



Summer Semester ~ 2023
Start Date ~ May 22, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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Description:

This course is designed to give an overview of biblical law and its connection to areas of law that may impact you in your ministry and/or career. It will provide a basic understanding of both biblical law and statutory/civil law and how to apply them in given circumstances. The reading will include on-line reading assignments, reading material I provide, legal case summaries and scripture. You will take the Constitution 101 course from Hillsdale College (Masters/Doctoral will also take the 201 course). There will also be written assignments in the form of applying what you've learned to various situations you might face in your ministry and/or career. Though not a law school course, it will assist you in the analysis of legal issues and provide the basis for sound judgment in both your ministry and business in general. Areas of law to be covered are:

- Constitutional law
 - Nonprofit law
 - Tax law
 - Corporate law
 - Contract law
 - Employment/Discrimination law
 - Tort law
- Biblical Leadership**

Classes:

Classes 1-4, 10 and 11 will be **Live Zoom** classes at a maximum of two (2) hours each, starting at 6:00 pm Arizona time. If any of these live classes need more than two (2) hours, we will resume via **Live**

Zoom the following week for the amount of time necessary to complete the class, or the remainder will be provided as a recorded video for **Self-Study**.

All remaining classes will be **Self-Study** with a recorded video of each week's lecture. Some will be longer than others, but no video will go over 2 hours. If we don't finish the course material in the scheduled classes, we will schedule additional classes to accommodate the carryover material. (Max. "in class" Zoom Time: 13 hours)

Assignments:

- Short Answer and Essay assignments associated with each class. (11 hours+ approx.)
- Read numerous scripture verses provided in the outline to each class and be prepared to discuss them. (3 hours approx.)
- Read several legal case summaries provided in the outline to each class and be prepared to discuss them. (Each 1-2 pages) (3 hours approx.)
- Remaining reading assignments to be determined to reach required reading for a 3-credit class (Freshman: 375 pp – Doctoral: 1050 pp of reading).
- 2 ~ Student presentations (Ea. 10-15 min. in length., depending on class size) (2+ hours to prepare)
- Written summary (300 words or less) of each **Self-Study** class as an indication of viewing the class video and participating in the particular class. (30 minutes each, 2.5 hours)
- Hillsdale College "HC" Coarse:
 - All Degree Levels: 12 ~ 35-min (avg) videos from Hillsdale College "HC", Constitution 101 (Total Time, 6 Hours)
 - Answer the discussion questions provided in the Study Guide to each HC video (Total Approx. Time, 2 hours). The Quizzes provided for each HC video are NOT required. They will not be reviewed if sent.
 - Masters and Doctorate Degrees: 10 ~ 40 min (avg) videos from HC, Constitution 201 (Total Time, 6.7 Hours)
 - Answer the discussion questions provided in the Study Guide to each HC video (Total Approx. Time, 2 hours). The Quizzes provided for each HC video are NOT required. They will not be reviewed if sent.
- **All class assignments are due two weeks after the date scheduled for the class. Any late assignments will be reduced for lateness.**

Final Exam:

Will consist of multiple choice, true false, fill in the blank, short answer questions and bonus questions.

Expectations and Goal:

- You are expected to:
 - Physically (for **Live Zoom** classes) and mentally attend each class;
 - Actively participate by inquiring, thinking critically and working to gain knowledge;
 - Draw conclusions, make informed decisions, apply your knowledge to new situations, and create new knowledge;
 - Share your knowledge and participate ethically and productively as a member of this class and society; and,
 - Consistently pursue personal and aesthetic growth.
 - Familiarize yourself with all scriptures and legal cases for each class before class and be prepared to discuss. The legal case reading will include case summaries and not the entire case. I do not expect you to read entire cases.

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- Complete the assignment after each class, which will consist of short answer and essay questions. You may need to do some research for your responses. When your research is included in your response, you must cite to the source. Please use whatever citation style you are comfortable with.
- Though not required for the course, it is recommended that you familiarize yourself with your state's laws on the topics discussed.



The GOAL is to understand how we as Christians should carry out our ministry and/or career path, not only under Biblical principles, but also under legal principles.

Class Format:

- Each class will include a power point presentation. We will move back and forth between the power point, scripture and legal case reading, and class discussion during the **Live Zoom** classes.
- We will read all scripture verses out loud and discuss them. You will be assigned certain scripture verses to read and discuss from your understanding, but be prepared to discuss all scriptures, even if not assigned to you. Any additional scripture reading is wonderful for full context, but please only discuss the assigned scripture.
- We will discuss aspects about certain legal cases. You will be assigned certain cases to discuss from your understanding, but be prepared to discuss all cases, even if not assigned to you.
- We will discuss the Constitution and Federal laws and only discuss State laws as it pertains to case law guidance.



Required Materials, Links and Actions:

- Bible
- Register for class materials through the link that will be provided to you in a separate email once I have received acknowledgment from Primus University of your registration in this class.
- Watch the video assigned for each class from the Hillsdale College ~ Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution class, and be prepared to discuss.
 - Register with Hillsdale College "HC" at Hillsdale.edu (You may be prompted to purchase something, but you do not need to do this. The class is a free class.)
 - Click on "Online Courses" from the top bar choices.
 - Click on "View All Courses" if they aren't already reflected.
 - Click on "Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution" course.
 - Provide your email address.
 - You will be instructed to "Create a New Account" or to proceed with Facebook or Google. Do whichever you wish.
 - Watch Part 1 for Class 1 and be prepared to discuss the discussion questions found in the Study Guide to the right behind the "blue arrow". Each remaining HC videos should be watched and discussion questions answered prior to the class they are assigned.
 - *Masters & Doctoral Students* will also watch the video assigned for each class from the Hillsdale College ~ Constitution 201: The Progressive Rejection of the Founding and the Rise of Bureaucratic Despotism. See each Class Outline for instructions.



Course Schedule: (Tentative. Allows for additional classes if needed)

Week	Class Type	Class Subject
May 22 nd @ 6:00pm Class 1	LIVE ZOOM	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
May 29th NO CLASS FOR MEMORIAL DAY		
June 5 th @ 6:00pm Class 2	LIVE ZOOM	Constitutional Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
June 12 th @ 6:00pm Class 3	LIVE ZOOM	Constitutional Law ~ cont. See Provided Website for Class Materials.
June 19 th @ 6:00pm Class 4	LIVE ZOOM	Nonprofit Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
July 3rd NO CLASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND		
July 10 th Class 5	Self-Study	Tax Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
July 17 th Class 6	Self-Study	Corporate Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
July 24 th Class 7	Self-Study	Contract Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
July 31 st Class 8	Self-Study	Employment/Discrimination Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.
Aug. 7 th Class 9	Self-Study	Tort Law See Provided Website for Class Materials.

Week	Class Type	Class Subject
Aug. 14 th @ 6:00pm Class 10	LIVE ZOOM	Biblical Leadership See Provided Website for Class Materials.
Aug. 21 st @ 6:00pm Class 11	LIVE ZOOM	Biblical Leadership ~ cont. See Provided Website for Class Materials.
Aug. 28 th Class 12		If needed for carryover material
Aug. 28 th or Sept. 4 th		FINAL EXAM