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**2026**

## **THE FREEDOM LIBRARY EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **CONSTITUTION CLASS SYLLABUS**

Class Hours: Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM – **Beginning January 22, 2026**

**Location:** The Freedom Library, 2035 S. Arizona Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85365

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#### Course Description

This course is intended to be a study of the United States Constitution, who wrote it, what caused it to be written, and the purpose for which it was written. The Presidency, Congress, and the judicial branch are examined as to how each impacts the lives of individuals today.

#### 1. Course Goals

- 1.1 Individuals will read, discuss, and understand the provisions of the United States Constitution.
- 1.2 Individuals will survey the governmental and political institutions at the national level, which are based on that constitution and the political environment within which they function.
- 1.3 Individuals will understand the election process.
- 1.4 Individuals will be introduced to the basic political institutions and processes of American government.

#### 2. Competencies

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 2.1 Become familiar with the major institutions of government in the United States including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.
- 2.2 Understand the nature, extent, and quality of citizen participation in political life and the socio-political environment in which it functions.
- 2.3 Be able to discuss the impact of various features of the American political institutions, including political parties and interest groups.
- 2.4 Be able to discuss the critical domestic issues in American society and the ways in which government deals with them.
- 2.5 Be able to understand the function of government.



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### 3. Individual Responsibilities

Individuals are expected to:

- 3.1 Bring paper, a pen, pencil, and eraser to each class session and attend every class session.
- 3.2 Not to participate in acts of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized "crib notes", plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor's signature.
- 3.3 Attend class missing no more than three
- 3.4 Attend **Awards Forum May 5, 2026**

### 4. Methods of Instruction

- 4.1 Instructional objectives will be met through the use of lectures, reading, discussion, and videotapes/DVD's.

### 5. Learning Objectives

- 5.1 Write a paper – **Four to six typewritten pages, double-spaced**, using **12 font Arial or Times New Roman**. The paper **must** be submitted as a **Word Document**. The paper is to discuss the topic given to the participant during the twelve-week class using the principles found in the United States Constitution. The paper must be e-mailed to [info@thefreedomlibrary.org](mailto:info@thefreedomlibrary.org) no later than **Midnight, April 23, 2026**. The paper may also be mailed or delivered to the address below and postmarked no later than **April 23, 2026** in order to be considered for a possible scholarship.

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**PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS TO HAVE YOUR PAPER EVALUATED!**

- 5.2 Scholarship – To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must complete the class with no more than 3 absences. All individuals seeking a scholarship are expected to attend the **Awards Forum May 5, 2026**.

There is no charge for participants to attend and participants are highly encouraged to invite their parents, other family members, and friends to attend.

The Freedom Library Scholarship Committee awards scholarships based on the quality of the paper. There is no guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded.