

FINAL EXAM

State Constitutional Law (Spring 2024) | Professor Colin Doyle

INSTRUCTIONS

Exam Format

This exam has four parts. Each part contains one essay question. Each part is equally weighted as 25% of your grade on the exam.

On the Exemplify software, enter your answers to Part I under Question 101, your answers to Part II under Question 102, your answers to Part III under Question 103, and your answers to Part IV under Question 104.

Given that you have four hours to complete this exam and four equally weighted parts, arithmetic and common sense may lead you to spend one hour on each part. But your mileage may vary. Four hours should be ample time to complete this exam. Whether and how you use the four hours is up to you.

The character limit for each of the four parts of the exam is 5,000 characters. Let's spell this out so that no one is mistaken.

Part I (Question 101) has a character limit of 5,000 characters.

Part II (Question 102) has a character limit of 5,000 characters.

Part III (Question 103) has a character limit of 5,000 characters.

Part IV (Question 104) has a character limit of 5,000 characters.

You can track the length of your answer with Exemplify's on-screen character count tool. Make sure that you are tracking the "characters with spaces" count, not the word count. The character limits apply to each part of the exam individually.

If you are writing your answers by hand, limit your answers to one bluebook per part, writing on every other line, only on the front of each page. Your answer to each of the four parts of the exam should not exceed one bluebook

Do not exceed the character limits. Any writing beyond these limits will not be considered in evaluating your exam answers.

The purpose of the character limit is to encourage you to organize your answers and write clearly. You should spend a fair amount of time thinking and taking notes before starting to write your exam responses. A shorter answer that is focused and organized is much better than a longer answer that is disorganized and unfocused. You do not need to reach the character limit to perform well on this exam.

You can use contractions but do not use abbreviations unless those abbreviations are supplied in the fact pattern. If you use abbreviations that are not permitted, during grading those abbreviated words will be replaced with the full version of the word for determining the character count.

The events in the exam take place in the fictional state of Loyola. Like all other states in the union, the state of Loyola is bound by Supreme Court precedent on issues of federal constitutional law that apply to the states. Unless otherwise specified, the state constitutional law cases that we have read from other states are persuasive, not binding, authority.

For every question on the exam, Loyola has the same state constitution. Page 4 of the exam lists out potentially relevant provisions from the Loyola state constitution. Not every provision will be relevant to every question. Page 5 of the exam lists out potentially relevant notes on Loyola's constitutional jurisprudence.

If you believe that you need to know facts that the questions do not provide, please state the assumptions explicitly and proceed to answer the question. But please read the questions carefully. Do not waste your time and character count by addressing issues that are not raised by the facts specified in the question.

Reliance on materials not covered by the course — including cases, other legal authorities, law review articles, treatises, and hornbooks — will not be credited when evaluating your answers.

Open Book

This is an open-book in-class exam. Under Loyola Law School policy, you are *not* allowed to use your computer to access any electronic materials.

Confidentiality

This exam is confidential. You may not share or discuss the exam — including its contents or your answers — with anyone at any time after you receive the exam, or after the other person has received the exam, until the midterm grades are posted. In answering the questions on this exam, you may not ask others for help, and you may not ask computer software to generate the text of any part of your exam answers.

Violation of these rules constitutes prohibited conduct under Section 11.1 of the JD Handbook and similar rules in Handbooks for Graduate Programs.

Exam Questions

Any questions about the exam that arise during the exam must be directed to the Office of the Registrar, not the professor. The Office of the Registrar may be contacted in person at the office located in Founders Hall, Room 105, by phone at 213-736-1130, by email at registrar@lls.edu, or by chat on the Office of the Registrar's website at <https://www.lls.edu/academics/officeoftheregistrar/>.

You are not permitted to contact the professor concerning any exam-related questions until exam grades are posted, because it is important to preserve anonymity during the exam administration process.

Anonymity

Use your 7-digit LLS ID Number on this exam. Do not include your name and do not make any remarks that will jeopardize your anonymity or anyone else's anonymity on the exam before the exam grades are posted.