

CIVIL LIBERTIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS

POLS 378 “Topics in American Politics”
PACE 485 “Topics in Peace and Conflict Resolution”

SYLLABUS

Basic Course Information:

This Course is being taught by COLLEEN HANABUSA, who is the second Visiting Scholar for the Daniel K. Inouye Institute. The focus of the joint course, “CIVIL LIBERTIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS,” comes at a very critical point in time for the United States of America.

The Class Schedule shall be Fridays from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Goals of this Course:

The unfortunate part of history is that so much can be learned from it; yet so much is forgotten unless we are reminded of the crisis that was experienced. As we are now over a decade into the 21st Century, we are forgetting that which the people of the last century experienced; especially those of color. To single out persons of different ethnic, religious, sex and sexual orientation has been a sad part of our history.

This course will look at what Japanese Americans and legal resident aliens experienced 75 years ago. 2016 will make the 75th Anniversary of Japan’s attack upon Pearl Harbor. This was followed on February 19, 1942 with the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. There were approximately 110,000-120,000 AJAs and legal alien residents of Japanese ancestry who were placed in internment/concentration camps; a very dark side of this Country’s history.

We are fortunate to live or be taking classes in what may be one of the most beautiful places in the world. Yet, this State also has a dark history in how our host culture, the native Hawaiians have also been treated by the Territory, the State and this Country.

This course will look into the treatment of the Filipino Americans and the broken promises made to those who fought alongside General MacArthur. We will also discuss what may become another mark on this Country’s present fight with discrimination, that is how the Muslim community is/may be treated.

Attendance: Attendance will be required. Excused absences should be sought before class, if possible.

Exam Policy: It is anticipated that the exam will be a 20 page paper due at the end of the semester. At the discretion of the instructor, there may be a mid-term exam, anticipated to be a no more than a 10 page paper.

Grade: The Final Paper will account for 80% of your grade. The mid-term paper, if assigned, will be 10%; and 10% will be your participation in the class discussions.

Reading: You will be assigned reading for each Friday session. The reading list will be made available shortly.