The required text for this course is Erwin Chemerinsky, Constitutional Law (4th ed. 2013), together with 2015 Supplement.

For our first topic, we will be discussing the application of the Bill of Rights to the States. To facilitate discussion, by the first class, please read and be prepared to discuss 1) the Bill of Rights (the first 10 Amendments) and the Reconstruction Amendments (the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments), on pp. xlix-liii; and 2) the materials in the casebook on pp. 517-28, including Barron v. Mayor & City Council of Baltimore and the Slaughter-House Cases.

For our second class, please finish reading the cases and materials under this topic, including Palko, Adamson, Duncan, and McDonald, pp. 530-48. Please also read The Civil Rights Cases, the first case under our second topic, “The Application of the Bill of Rights to Private Conduct,” pp. 548-51.

I will also post the syllabus on TWEN before the first day of class.