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Undergraduate Distance Education Review Form

(Required Form for all courses taught by distance education for more than one third of the time in each term)

Existing and Special Topics Course

Course: EDUC 442 - School Law

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Liberal Studies

- describe and discuss the legal concept of search and seizure as it involves students in the public school

The legal concept of search and seizure, as it pertains to schools setting, will be described in online

explain legal principles which pertain to racial segregation and its relationship to education

U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals: Recent Decisions on Education

State Material

3. How will instructor-student and student-student, if applicable, interaction take place?

interactions, as well as some instructor-student interactions, will be done using the Discussion Area (i.e.,

Step Three: University-wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Approval

Recommendation: Positive (The objectives of this course can be met via distance education)

Negative

Gail S. Schriest 11/14/06
Signature of Committee Co-Chair Date

Approved. Forward appropriate materials to the Director within 20 calendar days of approval by committee.

SAMPLE LESSON

Religion in Public Schools

The issue of the appropriate relationship between religion and the state has been one of

the most controversial in American legal history. The experience of the nation's founders, both with attempts to interfere with the free exercise of religion and with state control of religion, prompted a desire to address the issue of religion in the very first amendment to the Constitution in an attempt to erect what President Thomas Jefferson called a "wall of separation between Church and State."

Objectives

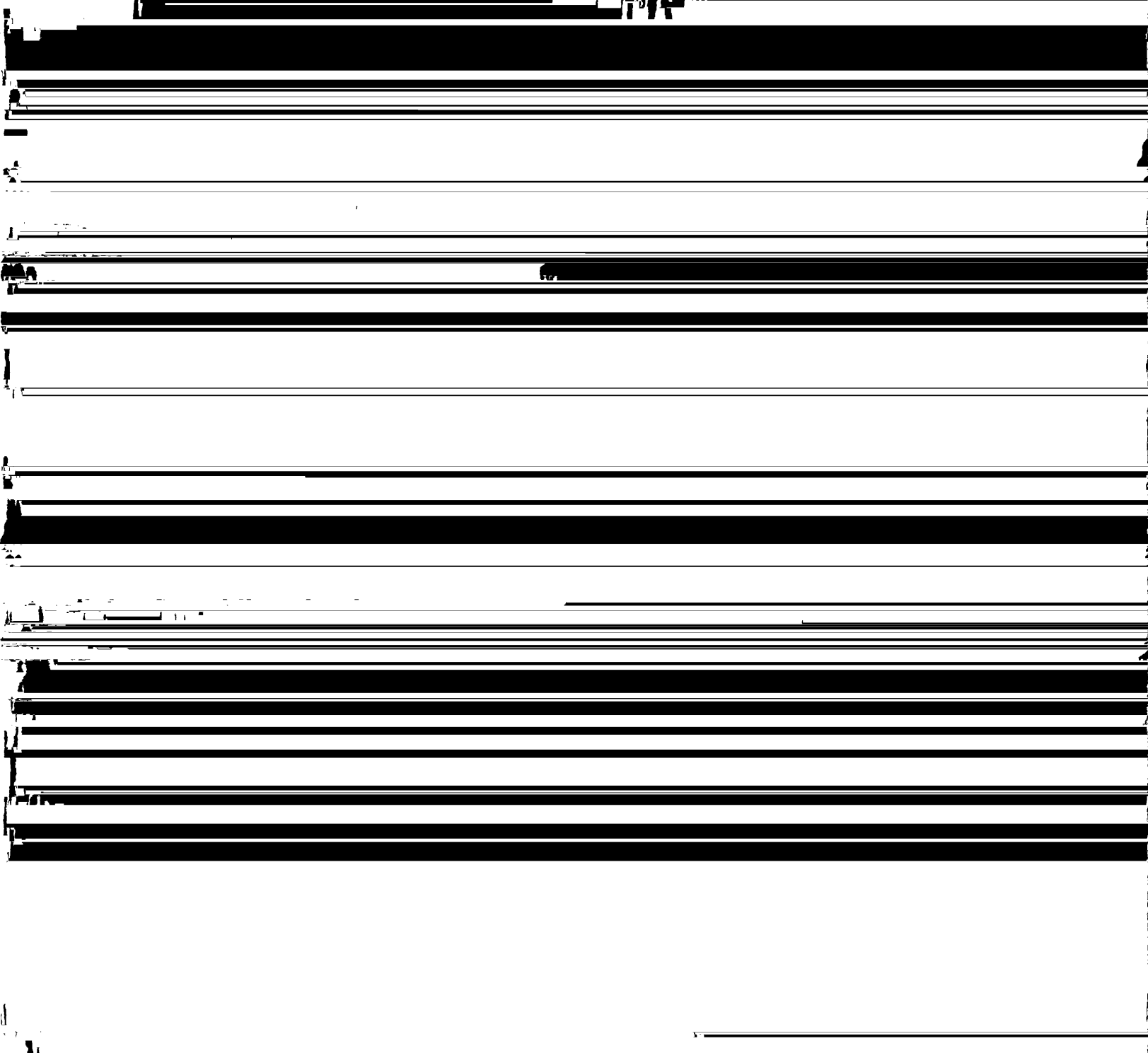
After reading this chapter you will be able to:

- Explain how challenges under the Establishment Clause are evaluated.

Distinguish between permissible and impermissible prayer in the schools and at



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The Two Clauses

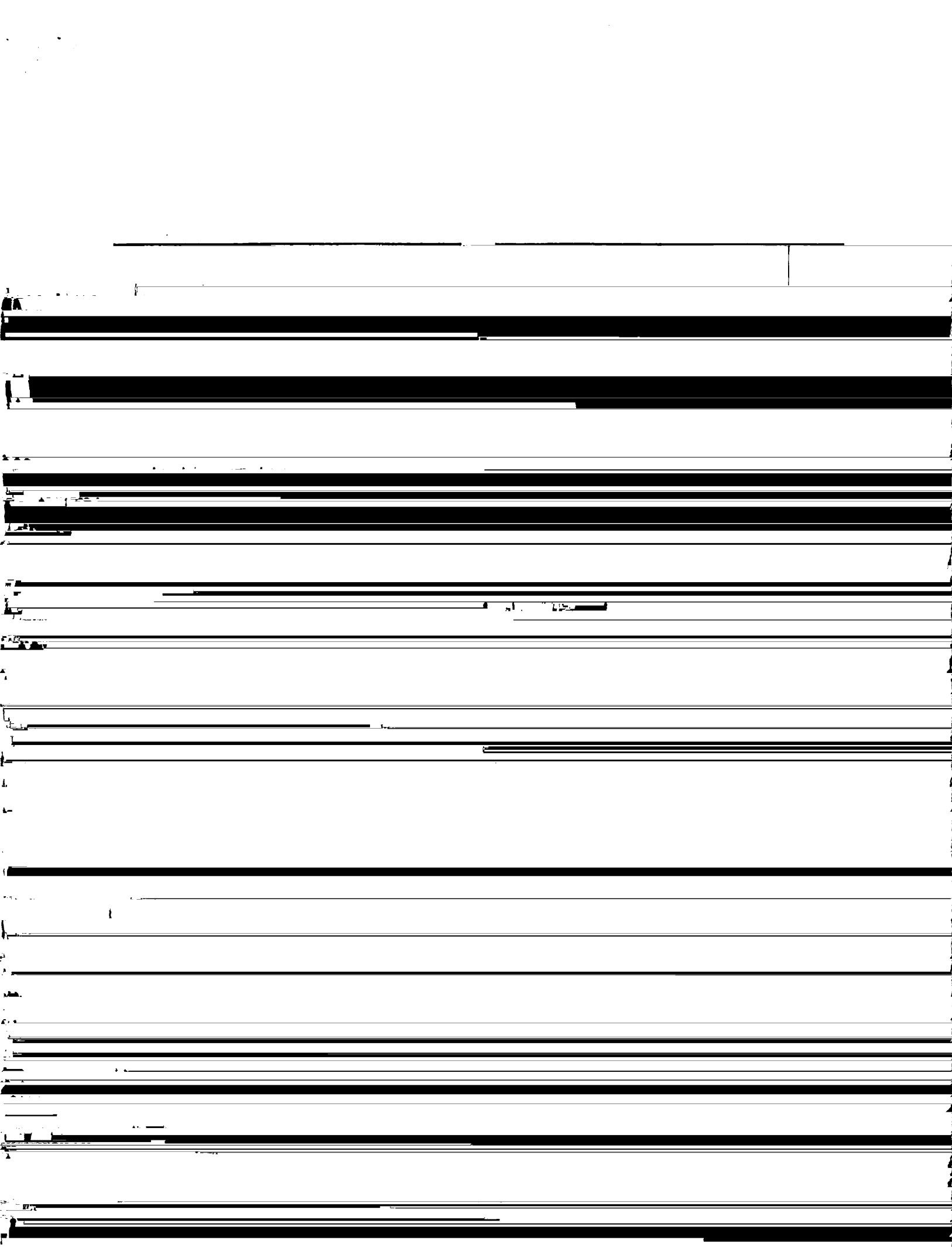
The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees religious freedom in two separate and distinct clauses that are often in tension with one another. The first, the

Lemon Test

- In 1970, the court added a third "prong" to the test: the state must not foster "an

The Three "Prongs"

- the purpose of the state's action not be to aid one or all religions
- the primary effect of the state action be



EDUC 442

Syllabus

Course Description

Required of all teacher certification students. Includes an overview of legal principles

that apply to special areas of education. Must be taken prior to student teaching.

Course Objectives

All students completing School Law (EDUC 442) will be able to:

Course Outline

The following topics will be covered in this course (although not necessarily in the order listed).

1. The Legal Framework for Public Schools in the United States

3. Teacher Rights
4. Teacher Discipline
5. Legal Responsibilities of Teachers
6. Negligence and Defamation in Educational Settings

7. Students' Rights
8. The Education of Students With Special Needs
9. Student Discipline and Due Process
10. Discrimination and Harassment in the School Environment
11. Religion in the Schools

Evaluation

Participation

Students are expected to engage in on-going class discussions using the WebCT Discussion Area. In addition, students are expected to participate in two, on-line, real-time chat sessions. Participation in these discussions and chats is critical and represents a portion of the acquired general knowledge. This participation will be evaluated and given a point total of 50 points.

Grading

Grades will be assigned according to the University Grading Scale (see the JJP

Undergraduate Catalog).

The following grading scale will be used to determine course grades.

180-200 points	–	A
160-179 points	–	B
140-159 points	–	C
120-139 points	–	D
119 or fewer points	–	F

Additional Resources

Black's Law Dictionary There are many legal abbreviations. If in doubt about a legal abbreviation, Black's Law Dictionary has a table of citations and other legal

abbreviations. A copy of Black's Law Dictionary is located at the Reference Desk in the Library.

Internet sites for Supreme Court cases

