

Law 6320 Civil Rights Enforcement

3.0 Credit Hours

This course is about the legal remedies available for the enforcement of constitutional and other federal rights against government action and officials and important structural and legal issues implicated by such enforcement, including federalism and state sovereignty, federal court remedial power and related jurisdictional issues, and statutory interpretation and congressional power. Its primary focus is on civil rights statutory remedies available for private citizens to address state and local governmental action that infringes on their fundamental rights. There will also be some coverage of remedies against federal officials that arise directly from the constitution, remedies against private individuals for civil rights violations, and the power of the civil rights divisions of state and federal executive branches such as the Department of Justice to investigate and enforce remedial schemes against local governments and their officials. Grading option A.