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In recognition that this is a four-credit course, in lieu of exams, there will be two essay assignments, one due on October 20th and the other due on December 8th. (The assignments for those enrolled in PSCI 291W are different.) Further details of these assignments can be found in the respective Introductory Lecture for PSCI 291 or PSCI 291W.

September 1 **Overture**

Noonan & Gaffney, pp. 131-37
John Locke, A Letter Concerning Toleration (1689)
Bernard Lewis, What Went Wrong: Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response (Oxford U. Press, 2002), pp. 96-116

September 15 **The Colonial Experience & Constitutional Development**

John Witte, Jr. & Joel A. Nichols, Religion and the American Constitutional Experiment (Westview Press, 3rd ed. 2011), pp. 21-

Noonan & Gaffney, pp. 158-65
Thomas Jefferson, Notes on Virginia (Query XVII) (1784)
Noonan & Gaffney, pp. 169-73
James Madison, A Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments (1785)
Noonan & Gaffney, pp. 178-200
George Washington, First Inaugural Address (1789)
Congressional Resolution: Day of Thanksgiving (1789)
George Washington, Farewell Address (1796)
Thomas Jefferson, Letter to the Danbury Baptists (1802)
James Madison, Detached Memoranda (circa 1817)

September 22 **The American Experience Through the Application of the First Amendment to States**

Noah Feldman, _____ -State Problem and What we Should do About It (Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2005), pp. 53-
Divided by God
8 Johns. R. 290 (NY 1811)

pp. 222-31)
Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (Book I, Chapter XVII) (1835)
Witte & Nichols, pp. 118-22 & 130

September 29 **Free Exercise at the Supreme Court**

Whitte & Nichols, pp. 231-34

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Religious Speech and the Establishment Clause

Exercise vs. Establishment

(2017)

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Exercise *and* Establishment

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U.S. 171 (2012)

Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-

November 24 **Academic Views on the Supreme Court and the Religion Clauses**

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No further assigned reading.

December 8 **Second Essay Due; Concluding Thoughts and Discussion**

No further assigned reading.

Additional course information:
