Professor threatens students who want to legally carry concealed weapons in class

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A professor at the University of Kansas has warned students not to bring legal concealed carry weapons to class, and attempted to redefine the university's policy code to justify her fear of students pulling a gun on her if they disagree with the subject material.

"Although you may be entitled by law to carry a gun, I urge you not to do so," begins a twopage anti-gun rant in a syllabus subsection titled "Concealed Weapons." The syllabus is for Professor Eric Rath's class on samurai history. It continues, in part:

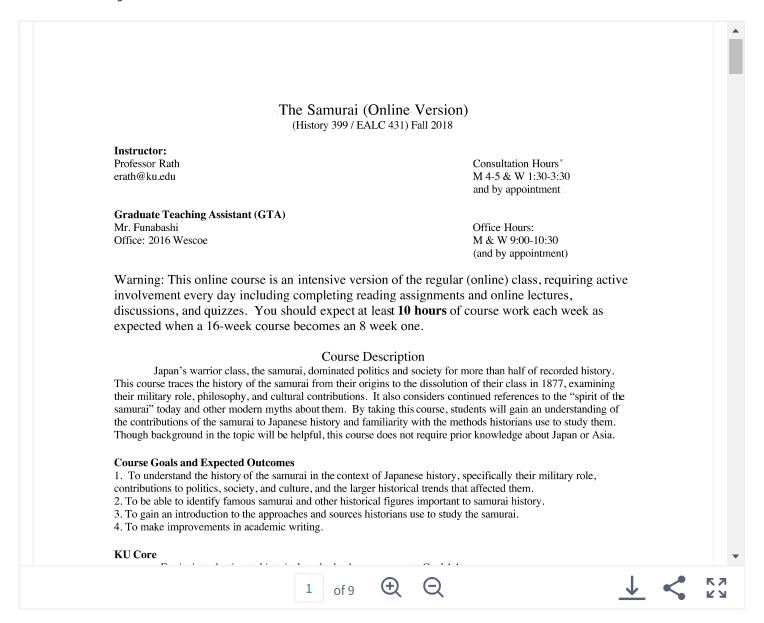
"I request that you not bring firearms to class or wherever I am present. When I am trying to focus on helping you to do your best work, I do not want to worry about whether you might react by pulling a gun on me, or whether you might have an improperly secured weapon in your belt or bag. I hope that nothing in this course will make you so desperate, but in my 20 years as a university instructor, I have seen students become uncontrollably angry because of something that has happened in the course—a disappointing grade, an allegation of academic misconduct, an uncomfortable topic, a controversial statement. If you do not carry a weapon, you cannot be tempted to use it in a moment of frustration."

KU student Victoria Snitsar told me: "I am appalled that a professor at a public university would take such drastic steps to dissuade students from exercising their Second Amendment rights on campus."

The professor, citing the anti-gun Giffords Law Center, presented statistics showing the perceived dangers of concealed carry weapon holders, and elaborated on every potential rule that could be broken.

"In keeping with my responsibility to 'maintain an efficacious learning environment,' as the Faculty Code requires, I will report all gun violations to KU and state authorities," Rath continued. "You may be asked to leave campus immediately, and you may be subject to criminal charges as well as University disciplinary processes. In addition, you will be banned from my classroom until KU authorities have certified that you are no longer a danger to yourself and others."

See the full syllabus below:



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