

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Philosophy of Law**

Course Number and Section

PHILOSOP

2821F 550

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the philosophy of law. We will attempt to understand law and legal practice by exploring the relationship between law and morality and the relationship between adjudication and reasoning. We will also consider criticisms of this approach by feminist jurisprudence, critical race theory and legal pluralism.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

1. Describe philosophical basic theories in philosophy of law.
2. Discuss competing points of view on issues in philosophy of law.
3. Evaluate conflicting philosophical arguments related to these issues.
4. Formulate well-reasoned solutions to practical dilemmas.
5. Persuade others of a well-reasoned stance or action.
6. Demonstrate skillful critical and reflective thinking.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Readings in Philosophy of Law, 4th ed., Culver, Keith, C. and Giudice, Michael, Broadview Press (2026). Students may purchase the 4th edition or the 3rd edition. The 4th edition is available through Western's bookstore as a paperback (\$91.75) or ebook (\$65.00).

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class attendance	12/09/2026	10
Quiz	09/29/2026	15
Midterm Exam	11/03/2026	35
Final Exam	TBD	40

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For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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