

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:

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 authentic and effective writing as well as skillful critical and reflective thinking.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Readings in Philosophy of Law, 3rd ed., Culver, Keith, C. and Giudice, Michael, Broadview Press (2017). Available through Western's Bookstore (paperback (\$91.55) or ebook (\$63.00)). New edition required.

Writing Philosophy: A Guide for Canadian Students, 2nd ed., Vaughn, Lewis and Scott-McIntosh, Jillian, Oxford University Press (2013). Available through Western's Bookstore (paperback (\$54.05) or ebook (\$26.00)). New edition required.

Methods Of Evaluation:

| Assignment | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
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| Attendance | 07/24/24 | 10 |
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| First Essay | 07/17/24 | 25 |
| Second Essay | 07/24/24 | 30 |
| Final Essay Exam | 07/27/24 | 35 |

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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