

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY [Orillia Campus]
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW: SOC. 2301
WINTER 2010 OUTLINE

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Class time: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 11:30 am to 1 pm (class dismissed at 12:50 pm)

Class Location: Heritage Place – Room 08 (1 Colborne Street).

Office Hours (HP0009): Wednesdays 2-4 pm and/or by appointment (via e-mail)

Course Description: A study of the social aspects of law: the passage of laws; the profession and practice of law; the use of law for social control; and, the law as a means of conflict resolution. Emphasis is given to the topic of social change via law reform in Canada.

Course Aims: In addition to the course description above, this course will (1) discuss the relevance of law within society; (2) introduce students to the sociology of law as an academic discipline; and, (3) to help students develop their presentation as well as intellectual skills - such as critical thinking.

Course Organization: This course is organized around lectures, classroom discussion of the readings and other materials, and other classroom activities, such as group work. Students should feel free to ask questions at any time and to respect the right of their classmates to do so.

Winter 2010 Course Materials: (Government of Ontario Publications – to be supplied free of charge by the Instructor):

[1] Where do I stand? – I child's legal guide to separation and divorce. ISBN: 0-7778-8500X

[2] What you should know about Family Law in Ontario. ISBN: 0-7778-8502-6

Note: There will also be (testable) material handed out in class., AND required readings posted on WebCT.

Note: Regular attendance will help to ensure you obtain these. If you know you will be away a certain week, be sure to ask a buddy / friend to pick up a copy for you (as the Instructor will likely not bring these materials to every class).

Attendance: Class attendance will be taken periodically in the second term. Students are strongly encouraged to attend class regularly and to take detailed notes on the material discussed in lectures, guest lectures and/or films. Class lectures will be generally designed to complement, rather than duplicate the content of the assigned readings.

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EVALUATION for Term 2:

<i>Evaluation Summary</i>
Term 2:
Essay: 10 % OR Class Presentation
Test : 9 %
Participation: 6 %
Final Exam: 25 % To be scheduled by Registrar

Note for students with disabilities Lakehead University offers appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please discuss this with the instructor the first 2-3 weeks of class.

Academic Behavior: Students are strongly encouraged to read Lakehead University's policy on ethical behavior, human rights and sexual harassment.

Please remember that, on the date of each of the tests and exam in this course, no materials may be brought into the class room to help you complete the test or exam other than a pen, pencil and eraser. No additional aids of any kind (e.g., books, crib sheets, dictionaries, notes, outlines, etc.) are permitted.

Instructor's E-mail Policy

All correspondence related to the course should be sent through the specific/related course's WebCT. I will do my best to respond to your e-mail **within 48 hours** of receipt. You will likely *not* get a response e-mailing me the night before a test or exam. Also, I prefer to discuss your grades/marks in person during office hours rather than over an e-mail. Please plan ahead.

Make-up Tests and/or Exams

Students who miss an exam or test due to medical illness must provide a written medical note by your (a) doctor.

Tentative Lecture and Reading Schedule **Winter 2010 - SYLABUS**

Note 1 - The Instructor has the right to change the order and/or modify the course outline when deemed necessary.

Note 2 – There will be assigned text readings throughout the term to supplement class notes and/or Powerpoints. Not all classes will have a PowerPoint. Please take notes.

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Jan. 5, 7 : Older Drivers and the Law in Ontario

Jan 12, 14 & 19 : Family Law in Ontario

Jan 21, 26 & 28 : Separation and Divorce in Ontario

Feb 2 & 4 : Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Feb 9 : Current Issues in Canadian Law - I

Feb. 11 : Test (Value = 9% of final mark).

Feb 16 and 18: READING WEEK (No classes)

Feb 23: The Health & Safety Act + Health in the Workplace

Feb. 25: Essay due (or, 10 minute presentation). Value = 10%
+ Topic: Current Issues in Canadian Law - II

March 2 & 4 : Police Brutality + The Case for Phasers

March 10 & 12 : Powers of Attorney + Institutional Rights

March 15-20 : The Safe Streets Act

March 23 : Video (A Civil Action)

March 25 : Canadian Law and the Environment

March 30 & April 1 : Future Directions in Law and Society

April 6 : Term Overview

Classes End: April 6

April – Final Exam (Value = 25 percent). Date set by Registrar.