

Course Outline

COURSE: FYSM 1502B – Governance and the Rule of Law

TERM: Fall/Winter 2012-13

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Tuesday and Thursday 1:05 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, **613-520-6608**, every term to ensure that I receive your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the deadlines published on the PMC website. <http://www1.carleton.ca/pmc/students/dates-and-deadlines/>. For Religious and Pregnancy accommodations, please contact Equity Services, x. 5622 or their website: www.carleton.ca/equity

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This course will examine the concept of the rule of law, which is often expressed in the adage, no person is above the law, but is really a concept that defies definition. We will look at the concept through an analysis of the requirements in a political/legal system to operate by rule of law and will apply this analysis to an actual situation, policing in Canada. Since the meaning of the term, rule of law, is uncertain and often criticized, we will approach the concept through various arguments about its nature, location in state theory, and value.

1. To learn the content of the course.
2. To develop the skills you will need in future courses:
 - a) to read and follow and argument
 - b) to write for a specific purpose, e.g. an analysis
 - c) to research online and in the library
 - d) to speak in class by debating or presenting
 - e) to work in groups but to submit individual work for each assignment

REQUIRED READING:

1. Governance and the Rule of Law course materials available as a bound book from Allegra Print and Publishing, 1069 Bank St., 730-3000.
2. Knutilla, Murray and Wendee Kubik, State Theories: Classical, Global and Feminist Perspectives, 3rd ed. (Halifax: Fernwood, 1992) available from Mother Tongue Bookstore, 1067 Bank St., 730-2346.

GRADING

All assignments must be submitted in class the day they are due unless permission has been granted for late submissions. Permission for late submissions will be given for up to seven days with a valid excuse. Thereafter, the assignments will be graded but marks will be deducted for each late day.

1. 15% CLASS PARTICIPATION (5% Fall Session and 10% Winter Session)
This mark is based upon: attendance, evidence that the assigned material has been read, taking part in discussions, taking part in other learning activities in class.
2. 10% short writing exercise
3. 20% An essay of 7 to 10 pages
4. 15% presentations
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5. 20% Research presentation and report

All assignments will be returned in class two weeks after the day upon which they have been submitted.