

Carleton University

Department of Law and Legal Studies

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 3909A - Urban Legal Geography

TERM: Fall 2015

PREREQUISITES: Third-year standing

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Thursdays 2:35pm - 5:25pm
 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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Accommodation

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Religious obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please

consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

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Department Policy

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Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations.

<http://carleton.ca/law/current-students/>

Course Description: Urban governance impacts our everyday lives. From how we get to school to the restaurants we frequent to where we can walk our dogs, the urban space governs our everyday social experiences. The city regulates these everyday interactions through policing and the constructions of public and private property, the community and the individual, order and safety. How urban spaces regulate is an important area of study. The city, law, space, and time will provide the geographical and theoretical bases for the broader course discussion. Students will learn to think critically about the relationship between space and law and how they regulate within the city.

Instructional approach: This course is structured similar to a seminar to foster an active learning environment. During each class students' discussions of the course material will be mediated by short presentations, to ensure student understanding of the material.

The seminar style format of the course provides students the space to engage with the course material beyond the preparation they complete each week before the class. As a seminar style format, the course is formatted to be learner-focused.

Evaluation

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

Participation	15%
Critical Review Papers (8 x 5%)	40%
Urban Observation Assignment	10%
Final Exam, to take place between December 9-21 2015	35%

Lecture Attendance and Participation: Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions. Active participation accounts for 15% of your final grade.

An atmosphere of mutual respect is necessary for us to have lively and intellectually stimulating classroom discussions. Disagreements are expected and beneficial to the development of our critical thinking skills; they should be approached with an open mind. Interruptions, personal attacks or insults, and disrespectful behavior towards other members of the classroom will not be tolerated within the classroom.

Critical Review Papers: Students are required to submit a critical review paper of 1-2 pages in length on the readings for each class. Students will submit a total of 8 review papers. In their papers, students are expected to engage with and critically assess the course material. In order to do so, students should construct an argument or position and provide support for their position. Students will not be successful if they merely summarize the readings. The grading rubric that will guide the evaluation of their papers is available on cuLearn. Critical review papers should be formatted according to the guidelines listed below. Critical review papers accounts for 40% of your final grade and are due before the next class.

Urban Observation Assignment: This assignment requires you to witness the everyday workings of the city. Spend 2 hours observing urban governance in a place of your choosing within the City of Ottawa. In 3-4 pages, write a critical reflection of your experience by drawing upon the concepts we have studied in our course thus far, and engage the readings from Sept 10 (Space, Place, City), Sept 17 (Law, Space, Time), and Sept 24 (Everyday Experiences). Assignments should be formatted according to the guidelines listed below. This assignment accounts for 10% of your final grade and is due October 8 at 11:55pm.

Final Examination: A final examination will be scheduled during the final examination period, December 9-21 2015.

Assignment Format: The critical review papers and urban observation assignment must include a title page and a reference page. These pages are not included in the total page count. All assignments must be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12pt font, with standard margins, and page numbers. Students must follow proper citation guidelines for APA or MLA. The title page must include the following: Name, student number, course code, professor's name, and date.

You will also be evaluated on your writing abilities. It is recommended you take the appropriate measures to avoid mistakes such as spelling, syntax, punctuation, inappropriate use of terms (no texting lingo), etc. Outside sources are not required for these course, however, if you include an outside source, only appropriate sources will be accepted (journals, books, newspaper articles, etc.) Sources such as Wikipedia, the dictionary, or encyclopedia are not academically qualified sources. If you are uncertain whether a source is reliable, please check with the professor. If you require assistance, please visit the Writing Tutorial Service - (613) 520-2600 ext. 1125.

Submitting Assignments: Assignments are to be submitted through cuLearn by the deadline specified. Students are responsible for ensuring that their assignment is properly uploaded in time.

Late Assignments: Late critical review papers will NOT be accepted. You are asked to only complete critical review papers on 8 of the 11 readings in order to give you some leeway should you need extra time on a particular week. Late assignments for the urban observation assignment will be penalized 5% per day (including weekends). Students may NOT submit late work if the assignment has been returned to students in class.

Extensions: Extensions are only granted by the professor in RARE circumstances. Extensions can only be granted before the assignment is due in cases of a death in the family or severe illness (a doctor's note is required). Assignments in other classes and travelling are not valid reasons for an extension. Extensions are impossible to grant for the final exam.

Course Material

The course pack is available from Octopus Books, 116 Third Avenue in the Glebe. It does not include course material that is available through Carleton University's library or online. A link is available in cuLearn for course material not included in the course pack and not available through Carleton University's library. Students are expected to read the course material assigned on each date before attending class and should be prepared to participate in class discussions.

The schedule of assigned readings is available on cuLearn.