Department of Law and Legal Studies

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2502 T – Law, State and Citizen

TERM: Summer 2021

PREREQUISITES: 1.0 credit from LAWS 1001, LAWS 1002 (Formerly LAWS 1000

no longer offered) PSCI 1100, PSCI 1200, or PAPM 1000

CLASS: Day &

Time: N/A

Room: All Courses in the Summer 2021 term are offered online.

Pre-recorded video lectures will be available via the course page on Bright Space. Please see the release schedule provided in the

outline below.

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CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

Law relating to the state and its relationship to individuals and groups in society, with a focus on the administrative process, basic values and the Charter.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This online course provides an interdisciplinary introduction to the laws governing the relationship between the state and its citizens in a Canadian context. It will address some of the key theories, values and challenges associated with this relationship, and examine key topics such as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, theories of the state, administrative law, and public international law. Throughout the video lectures, the role and limits of the law and the courts will be discussed from legal, political and historical perspectives.

At the end of the course, students should be able to: 1) demonstrate an introductory level of knowledge of key theories, questions, and debates on topics covered in the course; 2) identify basic legal issues, rules, and questions in relation to the assigned readings; 3) critically reflect on the political and historical context in which the Charter and the courts operate; and 4) construct arguments in support of particular positions related to the course topics, and show an awareness of alternative views to these positions.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Nick E. Milanovic (ed.), *Introduction to Public Law: Readings on the Law, State, and Citizen* (Captus Press, 2015).

May be purchased through the Carleton University Bookstore website: https://www.bkstr.com/carletonstore/home

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

For supplementary information and additional perspectives on the course topics, the following text is recommended:

Heather MacIvor, *Canadian Politics and Government in the Charter Era*, 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press, 2013).

Further required readings and cases will be uploaded to the course website on cuLearn or identified as available online.

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.

Performance in the course will be evaluated as follows; detailed instructions and guidance follow below:

Four 2-page reading response papers.
The due date for each response is specified in the schedule below.
Each reading response is worth 5% and will be graded as Pass / Fail.
Responses will receive either 5% or 0%.

2. Mid-term due Friday June 4th by 11:55pm 35%

3. Final exam to be held online during the early summer term examination period 45%

All evaluation components must be completed in order to be eligible to receive a passing grade.

Reading response papers:

The reading response papers are designed to keep you engaged with the course materials throughout the semester.

Each response should be 2 pages in length, double-spaced in 12pt. Times New Roman. In each response paper you should provide a commentary on a single aspect of that week's assigned reading. You should not attempt to summarize the reading (2 pages would not be sufficient for a summary); instead, focus on commenting on one single aspect of the reading that you found particularly interesting or provocative: what was being conveyed, elaborated, or argued? Why did you find it interesting or provocative? Did you agree

or disagree? Why? What are the implications of what was being conveyed, elaborated, or argued? Reading responses should rely on your own reading, thinking, and analysis, not on outside research. Each response should clearly identify (in the title) which reading is being responded to; for example: "Response to Milanovich Chapter 1, Reading (e): Marx." You do not need to provide a bibliography or list of references and you do not need to use footnotes / citations. Reading responses should be submitted via Brightspace. Absent prior approval or medical certification, reading responses submitted past their relevant due date will not be accepted.

Mid-term:

The mid-term assessment will be open book and will comprise short-answer and essay questions. Word limits will be employed, and students must work alone. Further information will be provided closer to the time. Absent prior approval or medical certification, mid-terms submitted past the due date **will not be accepted**.

Final exam:

The final exam is worth 40% of the overall grade. It will be 2 hours long and will be held online during the examination period of June 21 - 27, 2021. The exam will comprise multiple choice questions.

LATE PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

The granting of extensions is determined by the instructor who will confirm whether an extension is granted and the length of the extension. For requests for extensions lasting less than 7 days, please complete the form at the following link and submit it to the instructor prior to the assignment due date: https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/self-declaration.pdf.

Extensions for longer than 7 days will normally not be granted. In those extraordinary cases where extensions lasting longer than 7 days are granted, the student will be required to provide additional information to justify the longer extension (up to a maximum of 14 days).

SCHEDULE

Please note the following dates:

May 6 Early summer and full summer classes begin May 24 Statutory holiday - University closed

June 18 Last day of early summer classes

June 19 - 20 No classes or exams

June 21 - 27 Final exams in early summer courses

You are free to watch and re-watch the course video lectures as many times as you wish, however the scheduled release / broadcast date and time is listed below for your information.

Online Video Lecture 1

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Monday May 10th, 9:00am *Introduction: Course Overview, Evaluation, and Key Concepts*

Required reading: read the course syllabus

Online Video Lecture 2

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Wednesday May 12th, 9:00am

Theories of Law and the State – part 1 of 2 Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 1

First reading response due: Friday May 14th, 11:55pm

Online Video Lecture 3

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Monday May 17th, 9:00am

Theories of Law and the State – part 2 of 2 Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 6

Online Video Lecture 4

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Wednesday May 19th, 9:00am

Administrative Law

Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 2

Second reading response due: Friday May 21st, 11:55pm

Online Video Lecture 5

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Monday May 24th, 9:00am

Basic Values and Their Protection Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 7

Online Video Lecture 6

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Wednesday May 26th, 9:00am

Scope and Interpretation of the Charter Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 8

Third reading response due: Friday May 28th, 11:55pm

Online Video Lecture 7

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Monday May 31st, 9:00am

Fundamental Freedoms and Fundamental Justice

Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 9

Online Video Lecture 8

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Wednesday June 2nd, 9:00am

Equality

Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 10

** Mid-term due Friday June 4th by 11:55pm **

Online Video Lecture 9

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Monday June 7th, 9:00am

Group Rights

Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 11

Online Video Lecture 10

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Wednesday June 9th, 9:00am

International Law

Required reading: Milanovic, chapter 12

Fourth reading response due: Friday June 11th, 11:55pm

Online Video Lecture 11

Scheduled broadcast date and time: Monday June 14th, 9:00am

Conclusion and Course Review

Final Exam

To be held online during the examination period of June $21^{st} - 27^{th}$, 2021.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows: https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Pregnancy obligation

Please contact 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 Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities (EIC): https://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 Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities (EIC): https://carleton.ca/equity/

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact The Paul Menton Centre (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 as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC Website for their deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) https://carleton.ca/pmc

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own. Plagiarism includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to: books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, and material on the Internet. Plagiarism is a serious offence. More information on the University's Academic Integrity Policy can be found at: https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: https://carleton.ca/studentsupport/sypolicy/

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor 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. https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: https://students.carleton.ca/services/accommodation/

Department Policy

The Department of Law and Legal Studies operates in association with certain policies and procedures. Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations: https://carleton.ca/law/current-students/