

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2201B - Persons and Property
TERM:	Fall Term – 2017-18
PREREQUISITES:	Laws 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesday 2.35pm – 5.25 pm Room: Please check Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Persons and Property. Origins and scope of the concept of person in law and how concepts of legal personality change over time. Origins and scope of the concept of property and how concepts of property change over time.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Neil Sargent and Logan Atkinson, *Just Between the Law and Us. Persons and Property*, second edition. Toronto: Captus Press, 2016 (Available from Carleton University bookstore)
2. Logan Atkinson and Neil Sargent, *Private Law Social Life. An Introduction*. Second edition, Toronto: Lexis Nexis, 2007 (Available from Carleton University bookstore).

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.

Midterm research essay (due November)	40%
Final Examination (December)	60%

SCHEDULE

(Note: chapter references in the following course outline normally refer to “Just Between the Law and Us, Persons and Property”. The chapter references to Private Law Social Life are specified separately).

Part 1 INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction to the course
Categories of private law relationships and the limited nature of legal duties
Readings: Just Between the Law and Us, chap. 1; private law social Life, chapter 1.
2. Legal Individualism and the Public/ private distinction
Readings: Chapter 2, especially the articles by Henry Maine and Steven Lukes, Charles Taylor, Mallette v. Shulman, Carter v. Canada and R. v. Latimer

PART II PERSONS

3. The significance of legal personality
Persons as subjects of legal rights or objects of legal regulation
(readings chapter 3, a, b; chapter 4, a to i; Private Law Social life, chapter 2)
4. The Family, Patriarchy and the legal status of women as “persons” (continued)
5. Disability and the legal status of children as dependents(Readings chapter 5, readings a to i, and chapter 6,a to f).
6. Collective identity and aboriginal rights: personhood and dependency(readings, chapter 7, a-g)
7. The outer limits of personhood: natural rights for animals and the environment, and ‘natural’ rights for corporations as persons. (readings: chapter 8, a- e, plus chapter 3, readings c-f).

STUDY BREAK***PART III PROPERTY***

8. Legal Conceptions of property: private property, collective property and common property (readings: Chapter 9, a, b, c. Private Law Social Life, chapter 5).

9. Justifications for property (Occupancy theory, labour theory, economic theory and property and personality) Readings chapter 9, readings d-h, and chapter 13, readings b, c, d, e, f)
10. Property rights and the family, examining shifts in family property systems. (readings, chapter 11, readings a-h)
11. Property Rights and Aboriginal Peoples (readings chapter 12, a-f).
12. Property rights and the public/private distinction (readings chapter 10, a-g, and chapter 13, readings a, g and h).