

Carleton University**Department of Law and Legal Studies****Course Outline**

COURSE:	LAWS 2502A – Law, State and Citizen
TERM:	Summer 2015
PREREQUISITES:	1.0 credit from LAWS 1000 [1.0], PAMP 1000 [1.0], PSCI 1001, PSCI 1100 and PSCI 1200.
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2:35pm-5:25pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will give students an introduction to the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, as well as the deeply political questions it occasions. As a class we will ask questions about the persistent tension between individual rights and national security, the ideal relationship between government and governed, rights and their ability (or lack thereof) to confront legacies of colonialism, and the compatibility of democracy with the liberal idea of the rule of law. Students can expect to emerge from this class with a critical analysis of: the contents of the *Charter*, emerging decisions from the Supreme Court, the role of judicial review, the difference between civil and socio-economic rights, as well as the function of Ombudsmen in the execution of administrative law.

REQUIRED TEXTS (Available at: Octopus Books, 116 Third Ave., 613-233-2589)

1. Course Pack
2. Kafka, Franz (1995) *The Trial*. New York: Schocken Books.

EVALUATION

Assignment	Weight	Due Date
Quizzes	45%	Three online throughout term, worth 15% each
First Writing Assignment	20%	In lecture on 2 June
Final Essay	35%	In lecture on 16 June
All components must be completed in order to receive a passing grade.		

Quizzes (45%)

There are four online quizzes throughout the term. These will be made available to students through CU Learn. All announcements about quizzes will be made in lecture but will be available for completion from Thursday at 9am until Sunday at 5pm following lectures. They will be available for 30 minutes (they cannot be stopped and restarted). Each quiz will be composed of 20 questions. Students will keep their top three quiz grades (you only need to do three, but may do four to improve your mark). Each quiz is worth 15%. There will be no make-up quizzes. It is up to you to avoid technical difficulties.

DUE: THROUGHOUT TERM.

First Writing Assignment (20%)

The first writing assignment is a 1000 word essay due in lecture (approx. 3 pages double spaced). The precise question will be given in lecture two weeks prior to the due date.

DUE: IN LECTURE ON 2 JUNE

Final Essay (35%)

The final writing assignment is a 1500 word essay due in lecture (approx. 5 pages double spaced). The precise question will be given in lecture three weeks prior to the due date.

DUE: IN LECTURE ON 16 JUNE

Late Policy

Arriving late to lecture is not acceptable. Likewise, late essays are also not acceptable and will be penalized by 3% per day beyond the deadline. If you have extenuating circumstances, you must speak with Professor Douglas in advance of the deadline. Be prepared to show appropriate documentation to validate your claim.

Evaluation

The following percentage equivalents apply to all final grades at Carleton:

A+	90-100	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	57-59
A	85-89	B	73-76	C	63-66	D	53-56
A-	80-84	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-	50-52
						F	0-49

Your written assignments will be marked based on the following criteria:

Style

Has the author taken care in their formatting, grammar, attention to word count, and appropriate referencing? Where appropriate, have they attempted to infuse their work with creative flourish?

Structure

Has the author laid out a clear and effective argument for their reader? In particular did the author begin with a clear introduction and overview of their supporting points, and use signposting throughout? Is it a convincing argument overall?

Content

Has the author understood the material and conveyed it effectively to their reader? Have they supported their interpretations with page references and other academic sources?

Research

Has the author demonstrated a thoughtful and meticulous approach to their research? Have they been intellectually honest about their sources by seeking out primary material and bolstering their interpretation with appropriate secondary sources?

Critical Analysis

Has the author been able to understand the material, communicate about it clearly, **and** use their critical reading and writing skills to analyze the material? A demonstrated depth of critical analysis will be key for achieving high marks on essays.

Referencing

The Law Department recommends that you follow the Legal Style set out here:

<http://www.library.carleton.ca/help/canadian-guide-uniform-legal-citation>

The Academic Writing Centre and Writing Tutorial Services provide student assistance with the learning of academic writing. Please contact them in advance and make use of their services:

<http://www.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/>

Tips for avoiding plagiarism:

- Give yourself enough time to work on your assignment so you are not tempted to copy text from other sources.
- If you are having difficulty with your topic, visit your TA or the professor during their scheduled office hours at least two weeks before the essay is due.
- Take notes carefully so that you include specific sources and page numbers. Be sure to clearly identify which ideas are your own and which come from your sources.
- Reference as you write, rather than leaving all the referencing to the end. Even if you just use shorthand as you write (i.e. note the author's last name and page number), you can then go back and do the formatting later. But it is always better to reference as you go – it will save you time in the long run and you are less likely to forget something.
- Consult a referencing guide! If you are unsure about referencing format or procedure, check a referencing style guide.

For more help see <http://www.plagiarism.org/citing-sources/whats-a-citation>.

Remember: Using another person's work without acknowledgment, or using work in a way that may mislead or deceive your reader is plagiarism. It doesn't matter whether you deliberately intended to deceive or not; it still counts as plagiarism and is subject to the university's policies and penalties on academic misconduct. Plagiarism is not only dishonest, but it undermines the integrity of academic scholarship and is not acceptable.

ALL CASES WILL BE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE DEAN.

cuLEARN

Our course will also utilize the 'cuLearn' learning management system. Here you will find electronic copies of the course syllabus, announcements, as well as relevant links and articles. **All students are required to check into the course online regularly (i.e., at least twice a week) for updates and announcements.**

If you are having problems using the site please visit the Educational Development Centre's website for support:

<http://www1.carleton.ca/lmssupport/students/>

LAWS 2502C Course Overview		
Date	Week	Lecture
5 May	One	Whose Rights? Law, State, and Citizen in a Settler Society
6 May	Two	Introduction to the <i>Charter</i>
12 May	Three	Appeals and the Rule of Law
13 May	Four*	The <i>Charter</i> and Security Certificates
19 May	Five	Standing & Mootness
20 May	Six*	Law & Politics
26 May	Seven/Eight	SUPREME COURT TRIP AND Law, State, & Citizen with Franz Kafka
2 June	Nine	Sex Workers and the <i>Charter</i> : The Bedford Case
3 June	Ten*	Colonialism & the <i>Charter</i> AND Post-liberal Rights?
9 June	Eleven	Administrative Review: The Role of the Ontario Ombudsman
10 June	Twelve*	Final Essay Workshop
16 June	Thirteen	Papers Due

*Indicates a week that there is a quiz.

Course Outline

LECTURE ONE: WHOSE RIGHTS? LAW, STATE, & CITIZEN IN A SETTLER SOCIETY (5 May)

Assigned Reading:

1. *The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, Part I of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982 (UK)*, 1982, c 11.

Recommended Reading:

Mackey, Eva (2002) *Settling Differences: Managing and Representing People and Land in the Canadian National Project*. In: *The House of Difference: Cultural Politics and National Identity in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 23-49.

Questions:

What does 'law' mean? 'State'? 'Citizen'? What is the relation between these three terms, if any?

What is settler-colonialism? Why does it matter to the study of public law?

What does nationalism have to do with law?

What is the Notwithstanding Clause? When was it last invoked?

Key Concepts:

Charter – settler-colonialism – nationalism – Notwithstanding Clause – the rule of law

**LECTURE TWO:
INTRODUCTION TO THE CHARTER**
(6 May)

Assigned Reading:

1. Monahan, Patrick J. (2006) “The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms”. In: *Constitutional Law (Third Edition)*. Toronto: Irwin Law, 385-438. (53 pages).

Recommended Reading:

Dodek, Adam (2013) “Glossary” and “Short History of the Canadian Constitution”. In: *The Canadian Constitution*. Toronto: Dundurn, 13-34. (21 pages).

Questions:

When was the *Charter* enacted?

How were individual rights protected before the *Charter*?

How has the *Charter* changed the landscape of Canadian law?

Key Concepts:

*Charter of Rights and Freedoms – sovereignty – restraining arbitrary power – liberalism –
the rule of law*

Writing Tip #1: Frequent grammar mistakes

**LECTURE THREE:
CHARTER APPEALS AND THE RULE OF LAW**
(12 May)

Assigned Reading:

1. “Analysis of the Constitutional Principles”. In: *Reference re Secession of Quebec*, [1998] 2 S.C.R. 217, 247-263. (16 pages).
2. Slayton, Phillip (2011) “Justice is in the Details”. In: *Canadian Lawyer*. <http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/3700/Justice-is-in-the-details.html>. Accessed 1 October 2014.

Recommended Reading:

Roncarelli v. Duplessis [1959] 1 SCR 121

Questions:

What is a Reference?

According to this Reference, what does the rule of law include?

Is our understanding of the rule of law limited to this Reference?

Key Concepts:

Section 7 – fundamental justice – sovereignty – fairness – utilitarianism – Bill of Rights – status – the rule of law – liberalism

**LECTURE FOUR:
THE CHARTER AND SECURITY CERTIFICATES**
(13 May)

Assigned Reading:

1. *Charkaoui v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration)*, 2007 SCC 9, [2007] 1 S.C.R. 350. (88 pages).

Recommended Reading:

Canada (Citizenship and Immigration) v. Harkat, 2014 SCC 37

Questions:

What are the facts of the case?

What is the ‘tension’ that C.J. McLachlin speaks about in her judgment?

Does an investment in ‘national security’ conflict with the promises of individual liberty set out by the Charter?

Who is Mohammad Mahjoub?

Key Concepts:

*Section 7, 9, 10 – national security – terrorism – sovereignty – liberalism – the rule of law
– the state of exception*

****Writing Tip #2: Referencing****

**LECTURE FIVE:
STANDING & MOOTNESS**
(19 May)

1. *Borowski v. Canada (Attorney General)*, [1989] 1 S.C.R. 342. (27 pages).

Questions:

What are the facts of the case?

Why was Borowski's claim found to be moot?

Recommended Reading:

Stone, Christopher D. (2010) "Should Trees Have Standing? Towards Legal Rights for Natural Objects". In: *Should Trees Have Standing: Law, Morality, and the Environment*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1-32. (31 pages).

****First Assignment Question Announced In Lecture****

**LECTURE SIX:
LAW & POLITICS**
(20 May)

Assigned Reading:

1. Russell, Peter H. (2009) "The Charter and Canadian Democracy". In: *Contested Constitutionalism: Reflections on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Eds. James B. Kelly and Christopher P. Manfredi. Toronto: UBC Press, 287-306. (19 pages).
2. Harsanyi, Stewart Sharma (2014) "A Decision for Deepan Budlakoti". Calgary Immigration Law Firm Blog. September 12.

http://immlawyer.blogs.com/my_weblog/2014/09/a-decision-for-deepan-budlakoti.html

3. Douglas, Stacy (2014) "Canada's Failed Responsibility to Deepan Budlakoti". Rabble. September 24. <http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/views-expressed/2014/09/canadas-failed-responsibility-to-deepan-budlakoti>

Recommended Reading:

Smith, David E. (2007) "The State of the Commons". In: *The People's House of Commons: Theories of Democracy in Contention*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 3-18. (15 pages).

Questions:

What is Russell's main thesis? Why is it significant?

Who is Edgar Schmidt? Why is he relevant?

Who is Deepan Budlakoti? What are the facts of his case?

Key concepts:

*Standing – mootness – jurisdiction – public interest standing
democracy – centralization – politics vs. law – double punishment*

****Writing Tip #3: Sentence Structure****

**LECTURE SEVEN & EIGHT:
LAW, STATE & CITIZEN WITH FRANZ KAFKA**
(26 May)

Today we will have two 3 hour sessions (for a total of 6 hours). First we will meet at 9am at the Supreme Court to hear the case of *Deepan Budlakoti vs. Canada*. Deepan is appealing an earlier decision that we read about last week. You must be there by 9am or else risk not being let in to the court. We will also have our regularly scheduled lecture at 2:30pm back on campus.

Assigned Reading:

1. Kafka, Franz (1995) *The Trial*. New York: Schocken Books. (312 pages).

Recommended Reading:

Foucault, Michel (1977) “Docile Bodies”. In: *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*. New York: Vintage, 135-169. (34 pages).

Questions:

Where is the law in this novel? What does it look like? What does the law do to Joseph K.?

What does this novel tell us about the relationship between the government and the governed?

Is this a novel about totalitarianism?

Key concepts:

civilizational discourse – sovereign vs. disciplinary power – Kafkaesque – liberalism

**LECTURE NINE:
SEX WORKERS AND THE CHARTER: BEDFORD CASE
(2 June)**

****First Assignment Due In Lecture****

Assigned Reading:

1. Brock, Deborah (1998) Sexual Regulation and Sex Work. In: *Making Work, Making Trouble: Prostitution as a Social Problem*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 3-24. (21 pages).

Recommended Reading:

Canada (Attorney General) v. Bedford, [2013] SCC 72. (67 pages).

Weber, Max (2005) *The Spirit of Capitalism*. In: *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. London: Routledge, 13-38. (25 pages).

Questions:

What does Brock mean when she says that prostitution is a ‘social problem’?

What was the decision in Bedford? Why?

Key concepts:

sex work – Section 7 – autonomy – labour – freedom from harm

****Final Essay Question Announced In Lecture****

****Writing Tip #4: The Importance of an Introduction****

**LECTURE TEN:
COLONIALISM & THE *CHARTER*
AND
POST-LIBERAL RIGHTS?
(3 June)**

FIRST HALF OF LECTURE

Assigned Reading:

1. Coulthard, Glen (2014) “Introduction: Subjects of Empire”. In: *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1-24. (24 pages).

Other Recommended Reading:

Attawapiskat First Nation v. Canada, 2012 FC 948. (30 pages).

Milward, David (2012) “Addressing the Tension”. In: *Aboriginal Justice and the Charter: Realizing A Culturally Sensitive Interpretation of Legal Rights*. Toronto: UBC Press, 49-61. (12 pages).

Palmater, Pamela D. (2011) “Legislated Identity: Control, Division, and Assimilation”. In: *Beyond Blood: Rethinking Indigenous Identity*. Saskatoon: Purich Press, 28-54. (26 pages).

Questions:

What is Coulthard’s thesis?

Can anti-colonial critiques align with Marxist critiques? How, or how not?

Why might we be critical of Coulthard’s thesis?

Key concepts:

recognition - autonomy – colonialism – sovereignty

SECOND HALF OF LECTURE

Assigned Reading:

1. *Tanudjaja v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2014 (37 pages).

Recommended Reading:

Hutchinson, Allan C. (1995) “Indeterminately Speaking: From Axiom to Action”. In: *Waiting for Coraf: A Critique of Law and Rights*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 28-56. (28 pages).

Questions:

Is there a right to housing in Canada?

What are socio-economic rights? How do they differ to civil political rights?

What is Hutchinson’s critique of the Charter? What cases does he use to make this critique?

What insights can we glean from the 1996 *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa*?

Key Concepts:

liberalism – corporate interest – privatization – neoliberalism – civil political rights vs. socio-economic rights – justiciability

**LECTURE ELEVEN:
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW: THE ROLE OF THE ONTARIO
OMBUDSMAN**
(9 June)

Assigned Reading:

1. Marin, André (2010) Ombudsman's Remarks and Executive Summary. In: *Caught in the Act: Investigation into the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' conduct in relation to Ontario Regulation 233/10 under the Public Works Protection Act. Ombudsman Report*, 1-32 (32 pages).

Recommended Reading:

Schmitt, Carl (1985) Chapters One and Two. In: *Political Theology: Four Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 5-35. (30 pages).

Questions:

What is the role of the Ombudsman?

What does Ombudsman Marin identify as the problem in his report? How does he suggest it can be redressed?

Key concepts:

Checks and balances – police – protest – democracy – sovereignty – jurisdiction

****Writing Tip #5: Constructing a Thesis and Roadmap****

**LECTURE TWELVE:
ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP**

(10 June)

Students MUST bring their introduction to their final essay with them to class.

During this class we will i) share your work and solicit feedback from each other, ii) reflect on how to give constructive criticism, iii) remind each other the importance of a thesis, roadmap, and good introduction, iv) go over persistent mistakes in essay writing, and v) answer any last questions you might have.

**LECTURE THIRTEEN:
PAPERS DUE**

(16 June)

*****FINAL ASSIGNMENT DUE IN LECTURE*****