**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

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**ADANCED STUDIES IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW**

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**Method of Delivery:** In-person

**Course Description:** The objectives of this course are to study various questions on the relationship between the law and society; the questions include how the law helps shape the society and how various social and political issues and concerns affect the formation and enforcement of the law. To address these issues, the course consists of three parts. The first part surveys various classical sociological theories in understanding law and legal systems in society, including classical authors like Marx, Weber, and Durkheim. The second part introduces contemporary theories and perspectives about the role of law in our societies. And the third part of the course will focus on some contemporary debates on the relations and interactions between social processes and law, including the relation between law and gender, race/ethnicity, and politics. In this course, students will obtain the knowledge and understanding on the relations between the law and society through studying assigned readings including some case laws, writing reading journals, active participation in seminar reading presentations and discussions. The course also provides students with the opportunities to develop their individual research interests and make contributions to respective research areas through conducting final research projects.

**Reading (s)/Textbook (s):**

Javier Trevino, *The Sociology of Law: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*, London: Transaction Publishers, 2008. (Please note that this text has been ordered through Carleton University bookstore; and E-copy of this book is also available at Carleton Library)

David Garland, *Punishment and Modern Society: A Study in Social Theory*; Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1992. (E-copy of this book is available at Carleton Library via Ares)

Please note that all the required and recommended readings listed in this course outline are available in Library Reserves. They can be viewed or downloaded from **the course on Ares** on our Brightspace course webpage. Students could also purchase hardcopies of the textbooks in Carleton Bookstore.

**Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:**

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| **Summary of Evaluation Method** | |
| Evaluation Components | Values |
| Class attendance | 5% |
| Seminar participation | 12% |
| Presentations of the assigned readings | 20% |
| Reading journal | 8% |
| Research proposals and presentations | 5% |
| Final research paper | 50% |