

## **SOCI 3480/Law and Social Regulation**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course offers students the opportunity to explore the relationship between law and society from a sociological perspective. It looks at how society influences the law and how the law shapes society. It encourages students to explore the law as a method of social control shaped by socioeconomic, cultural, and political contexts, understanding processes of regulation and criminalization as colonial, race-making, and gendered projects. The course will examine how the law impacts or responds to social issues and its role in social change. Some specific topics include culture's role in defining law and legal principles, contemporary policies of mass incarceration, policing, Indigenous peoples and the law, legal personhood of the environment, and justice movements.

### **EVALUATION**

Methods of assessment include in-class activities, debate, and a final research project.