

Sociology of Law SOCI 3210 D

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Course Delivery	In-person
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the foundations of law and society by exploring law as a social institution and a system of power, governance, and social regulation. Students engage with the contributions of classical and contemporary sociological thinkers, including Karl Marx, Émile Durkheim, and Max Weber, to examine the influence of modernity, capitalism, and postmodernity on socio-legal developments. Attention is given to power, social order, conflict, legal pluralism, and social movements as frameworks for understanding legal institutions, public policy, and social change.

EVALUATION

Assessment Type	Weight
Attendance	5%
Quiz (In-class)	15%
Midterm Test (In-class)	35%
Written Exam (In-class)	45%

TEXT

This course draws on a required textbook as well as selected readings. Details of the textbook will be provided in the course outline. Readings will be available through the Carleton Library electronic reserves system (ARES). Supplementary readings, video clips, and other course materials will be posted or electronically linked on the course Brightspace page throughout the term.