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OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Full Title: Philosophy of Law Course Short Title: Philosophy of Law Faculty: Faculty of Humanities Calendar Description: Introduces major issues in philosophy of law such as natural law, legal positivism and its critics, law and liberalism, legal punishment, indigenous legal traditions, feminist critiques of law, and critical legal studies. Perequisites (or NONE): Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE): Prefcorequisites (if applicable, or NONE): Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE): Prefcorequisites (if applicable, or NONE): Coresultates (or NONE): Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE): Perfcorequisites (if applicable, or NONE): Corequisites (or NONE): Course Details Special Topics course: No (If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit of the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for him the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit or the antirequisite course(s): Course Details Special Topics course: No (If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit or the antirequisite course (s) Cife offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course (s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit or the antiregulate description as a note that students with credit or the antiregulate description as a note that students with credit or the antiregulate description as a note that students with credit for the antiregulate out of the matter of the antiregulate out of the	Course Code and Number: PHIL 230		Number of	Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)				
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Learning Outcomes (These should contribute to students' ability to meet program outcomes and thus Institutional Learning Outcomes.)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe major theories in philosophy of law such as naturalism, legal positivism, retributivism, legal moralism, and critical legal theory.
- 2. Evaluate conflicting philosophical positions related to law and the legal system.
- 3. Articulate reasoned responses to theoretical issues in philosophy of law.
- 4. Apply major theories to current Canadian and international legal issues.
- 5. Formulate well-reasoned responses to practical dilemmas in law and legal theory.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting (Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)

Quizzes/tests: 20%	Assignments: 50%	%
Final exam: 20%	Holistic assessment: 10%	%

Details:

Assignments may include:

- Argumentative essays (40%)
- Options of class presentation, editorial assignment, video presentation, digital storytelling, or poster presentation (10%)

Holistic assessments may include:

- Reflections on learning
- Reflections on class participation
- Reading reflections

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Instructional Methods (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)

Texts and Resource Materials (Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. <u>Open Educational Resources</u> (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the <u>Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form.</u>)

	Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1.	Textbook	K. Culver & M. Giudice (Eds.)	Readings in the Philosophy of Law – Third Edition. Broadview Press.	2017
2.	Textbook	K. Culver & M. Guidice (Eds.)	Canadian Cases in the Philosophy of Law – Fifth Edition. Broadview Press.	2018
3.	Textbook	Mark Tebbit	Philosophy of Law: An Introduction. Routledge.	2017
4.	Textbook	John Burrows	Law's Indigenous Ethics. University of Toronto Press.	
5.	Article	John Burrows	With or Without You: First Nations Law (in Canada) 41:3 McGill Law Journal, online:	

Required Additional Supplies and Materials (Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)

Course Content and Topics

- Legal positivism
- Natural law
- The relationship between law and morality
- Obedience to law
- Human rights
- Law, individual freedom, paternalism
- Legal responsibility
- Legal punishment
- Critical legal theory
- Feminist legal theory
- Indigenous approaches to law
- International law