



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-182	Course Title Sociology of Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall, Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Sociology	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course Undergraduate	Lecturer Dr. Evi Eftychiou	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Face-to-Face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Describe the social, cultural, political and economic contexts in which law operates in practice
- Examine law both as a mechanism of social regulation and as a field of knowledge
- Explore classical and contemporary theoretical contributions to sociology of law
- Examine current debates related to sociology of law
- Reflect critically on each student's culture and legal framework

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Apply theories of sociology of law to discuss the role of law in society and vice versa.
2. Apply sociological theories of law to discuss inequality, social class, power and ideology.
3. Compare the theories of universalism and cultural relativism in relation to human rights.

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Sociology
2. Theoretical Foundations of the Sociology of Law
 - Law and the Rise of the Social Sciences
 - Max Weber on the Rationalization of Law
 - Emile Durkheim on Law and Social Solidarity
 - Max Weber
3. Development and Variations of the Sociology of Law
 - The Theoretical Move Towards the Sociology of Law
4. Law, Power and Ideology: critical perspectives
5. Feminism and Law
6. Globalization and Law
7. Human Rights: Universalism Vs Cultural Relativism

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Class discussions, Debates, Films/Documentaries.

Assessment Methods:

Assignment, Presentation, Class Participation, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Sociology of Law: a Study of Cultural Contextualism	Qiliang Wang	Springer	2022	978-981-16-5511-1

Sociology of Law	Dragan Milovanovic	Carolina Academic Press; 4th edition	2022	1611638828
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Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Law and Society	Steven Vago	Prentice Hall	2008	9780132318853
Sociology of Law: Visions of a Scholarly Tradition	Mathieu Deflem	Cambridge University Press	2008	9780521673921