

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Philosophy

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Philosophy 2080 (001)
Philosophy of Law

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Students are responsible for following the Philosophy Department procedures included with this outline. Instructors, and / or teaching assistants will post information regarding the dates, times and locations of tests and review sessions on the Course web site and in class.

Course Description:

We will study the fundamental concepts of law, and the philosophical principles on which they are based. The course is divided into four sections, two each term, as follows: the first term will be spent on tort law and contract law; the second term criminal law and constitutional law. There will also be an introduction to the basic structure of our court system, the difference between statute law and common law, and some basic knowledge of the legal process.

In the study of tort law the main focus will be on the law of negligence, including the expanding areas of liability of product manufacturers, tavern owners, and other public - private entities. We will be reading an essay describing the difference between American and Canadian approaches to tort law, and illustrating themes that are ever present in the law's development.

In the study of contract law, the student will gain an understanding of the basics of contract law by looking at pivotal cases, and applying the principles found in those cases in various situations. ~~Bus (the site) Alex Agan, E2, 1166, 2010~~ (t-20.1 term.

Examinations:

There are four exams, one at the end of each course quadrant. The exams are non-cumulative, **one hour long**

and consist of multiple choice questions. **Each exam is worth 25% of the final course grade. *UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL EXAM GRADES BE REWEIGHTED.*** Dates, times and places for all of the following exams will be announced in class, and posted on the course web site. **Exam particulars will not be available over the phone in the Philosophy department.**

	Type	Date	Time	Location
Exam #1:	Torts	Saturday, November 17, 2018	2:00 P.M.	Nat Sc 145
Exam #2:	Contract Law	(during December 2018 examination period)		
Exam #3:	Criminal Law	Saturday, February 9, 2019	2:00 P.M.	Nat Sci 145
Exam #4:	Constitutional Law	(during April 2019		

student of the course could reasonably be expected to have) and then presents that knowledge as their own discovery is considered to have plagiarized, even if the words used to express the ideas are not exactly the same. Other examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- misrepresenting co-authored or group work as individually done;
- cutting and pasting copied or paraphrased work by others in with your own work;
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