SYLLABUS
790:340  Law And Society
Tuesdays 6:00pm – 8:40pm
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Law and Society by Matthew Lippman

ELEMENTS OF GRADE
Attendance (10pts total)
Class Participation (10pts total)
10  Current Events  (100 pts total)
Civic Involvement Exercise & Report  (25pts total)
3 Tests (300 pts total)
*Extra Credit (15pts total additional)
*Additional Assignments (TBA)

RESOURCES MATERIALS
Class Lecture/Guests
Readings (Text & Other Sources)
Current Events Sources
Unique Sources
Additional Materials

INSTRUCTOR STATEMENT
In this course you will earn the grade you receive. As such, there are expectations, responsibilities and assignments for which you will be held accountable to meet. Excessive unexcused absence (3+ times) or sporadic attendance shall be grounds for automatic failure. All students are required to follow university policies and procedures. This includes the policy on academic integrity http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course will examine the relationship between the law and society, focusing on the impact and influence of politics and public opinion. Topics will include the nature of law, crime and punishment, the "adversary ethic," law and morality, law's role in structuring social relationships, civil disputes, and feminism and the law. Special emphasis will be placed on how the law reflects our social values and customs; the forces which help to shape society and produce social change; rights and other legal protections; how the law interacts with the diversity of social life, including the family, the natural world, and markets. In the interest of understanding the law as a social institution, readings will include not only case law but also sociological studies, institutional political science, social theory, and narrative journalism. Course activities will include (but not limited to) in-class lecture, class discussion, individual and group assignments and presentations. Additional activities will include out of class civic activities, assignments and readings.

GRADING STANDARD
425 - 460 = A
389 - 424 = B+
353 - 388 = B
317 - 352 = C+
281 - 316 = C
245 - 280 = D+
209 - 244 = D
208 & Below = F
CLASS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 20, 2015  Introduction To Class & Course Requirements
Aristotle on Politics, Government & Law / Thomas Aquinas *Summa theologiae*
Homework: Current Events #1 / Read Chapter #1 *An Introduction To Law & Society.*
Define “All Men Are Created Equal”

JANUARY 27, 2015  Current Events #1
Lecture Discussion: “All Men Are Created Equal” / Political Thinkers / The Social Contract Theory
Homework: Current Events #2 / Read Chapter #2 *Theories of Law and Justice.*

FEBRUARY 3, 2015  Current Events #2
Lecture Discussion: Legal Systems, Theories & Sources of Law
Homework: Current Events #3 / Read Chapter #3 *The Structure and Function of Courts, Legislatures, and Administrative Agencies.* Review The Bill of Rights

FEBRUARY 10, 2015  Current Events #3
Lecture Discussion: The Organization and Structure of The Judicial System / The Bill of Rights
Test #1 Review: Chapters #1 - #3 / Class Lecture & Discussion / Current Events
Homework: Study for Test #1

FEBRUARY 17, 2015  TEST #1
Lecture Discussion: Holmes v. Walton 1780 / Marbury v. Madison 1803
Homework: Current Events #4 / Read Chapter #4 *The Legal Profession.*

FEBRUARY 24, 2014  Test #1 Overview
Current Events #4
Lecture Discussion: Lecture Discussion: The Legal Profession: History & Development
Homework: Current Events #5 / Read Chapter #5 *Law School, Access to Justice, and Legal Ethics*

MARCH 3, 2014  Current Events #5
Lecture Discussion: Law School, Training, Practice and Ethics
Homework: Current Events #6 / Read Chapter #6 *Dispute Resolution.*
MARCH 10, 2015  Current Events #6  
Lecture Discussion: Dispute Resolution  
Class Exercise: Judge Recruitment, Selection & Retention  
Test #2 Review: Chapters #4 - #6 / Class Lecture & Discussion / Current Events

MARCH 17, 2015  SPRING BREAK NO CLASS
Homework: Study For Test #2  Chapters #4 - #6

MARCH 24, 2015  TEST #2
Homework: Current Events #7 / Read Chapter #7 Criminal Courts. / Read Chapter #8  
Juries. What Is A Grand Jury?

MARCH 31, 2015  CIVIC INVOLVEMENT EXERCISE
Homework: Current Events #7 / Read Chapter #7 Criminal Courts. / Read Chapter #8  
Juries. What Is A Grand Jury?

APRIL 7, 2015  Test #2 Overview
Current Events #7
Lecture Discussion: Criminal Courts / Juries / What Is A Grand Jury?  
Homework: Current Events #8 / Read Chapter #9 Law and Social Control. Read Chapter  
#10 The Impact of Law On Society.

APRIL 14, 2015  Current Events #8
Lecture Discussion: Law and Social Control / The Impact of Law on Society  
Homework: Current Events #9. Read Chapter #9 Law and Social Control. Read Chapter  
#10 The Impact of Law On Society.

APRIL 21, 2015  Current Events #9
Lecture Discussion: Law and Social Control / The Impact of Law on Society  
Homework: Current Events #10 / Prepare for Civic Involvement Presentations

APRIL 28, 2015  Current Events #10
Civic Involvement Exercises Due  
Test #3 Review: Chapters #7 - #10 / Class Lecture & Discussion / Current Events

MAY 5, 2015  READING WEEK – NO CLASS

MAY 12, 2015  TEST #3  WHAT IS LAW (Return) FINAL CLASS SESSION

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