

Law and Society 101: Contemporary Legal Issues
Spring 2014 MWF 9am Peterson Hall 104
Professor Gerald Doppelt

In this course, we examine the ethical and political ideals underlying the rule of law, and controversies concerning what the law should be, in a liberal-democratic society. What is value of individual liberty and what justifies the legal restriction placed on individual liberty? Does our ideal of equality justify or reject affirmative action, and the pursuit of diversity in key institutions? Does equality allow the recognition of certain special cultural group rights to protect ethnic and national minorities' ways of life (e.g. native American tribes)? What is the basis for the state's right to punish law-breakers? How do we determine just punishment and is the death penalty for certain crimes morally right? These issues are examined by discussing opposing philosophical points of view and key legal decisions.

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Required Texts:

- *On Liberty*, J.S. Mill
- *Multicultural Citizenship*, W. Kymlicka
- Spring 2014 Law & Society Cal Copy Reader (CC), collection of articles

These texts are available in the University Bookstore. The collection is available at Cal Copy, which is located on Villa La Jolla Village Drive, one block south of La Jolla Village Drive (behind Mobile gas station, across from El Torito restaurant). The telephone number is (858) 452-9949. See also www.calcopy.net. **Students will require Cal Copy Spring 2014 Reader to complete papers with appropriate references to the 2014 text.** The syllabi, exam study questions, and paper topics handed out in class will also be made available on Ted (<http://ted.ucsd.edu>). Copies of the LAWS 101 Spring 2014 Reader and the books by Mill and Kymlicka will be available on reserve at Geisel Library.

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Schedule of Readings and Topics:

Week 1 (March 31, April 2, 4): Individual Liberty and the Law—Classical Millian Liberalism

1. *On Liberty*, Mill

Week 2 (April 7,9,11): Liberalism vs. Legal Moralism

1. "The Enforcement of Morals," P. Devlin (CC).
2. "The Immorality of Treason," H.L.A. Hart (CC).
3. *Bowers v. Hardwick*, U.S. Supreme Court (CC).

Week 3 (April 14, 16, 18): Conflicts Over the Limits of Liberty and Law: The Case of Recreational Drugs and Hate Speech:

1. "Against the Legalization of Drugs," J.Q. Wilson (CC).
2. "How America Lost the War on Drugs," B. Wallace-Wells (CC)
3. "Recreational Drugs and Paternalism," D. Husak (CC).
4. *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul*, U.S. Supreme Court (CC).
5. "Words Which Wound: Burning Crosses and the R.A.V. Case," Matsuda and Lawrence (CC).
6. "Words Which Wound: A Tort for Racial Insults, Epithets, and Name Calling," Delgado (CC).
7. "Liberalism and Campus Hate Speech: A Philosophical Examination," Altman (CC).

First paper topic handed out Friday April 18th

Week 4 (April 21, 23, 25): Conflicts Of Liberty: The Case of Pornography

1. "Pornography, Civil Rights, and Speech," Mackinnon (CC).
 2. "False Promises: Feminist Anti-Pornography Legislation," Duggan, Hunter, and Vance (CC).
 3. *American Booksellers Association v. Hudnut*, U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit (CC).
- *** Film showing in class TBD

First paper DUE Friday April 25^h

Week 5 (April 28, 30, May 2): Equality and Group Rights: Racial Minorities and Affirmative Action

1. "Constitutional Equality and Preferential Treatment," Adams (CC).
2. "Battle Against Bias Waged on Shifting Legal Grounds," Savage (CC).
3. *University of California v. Bakke*, U.S. Supreme Court (CC).
4. "The Justification of Reverse Discrimination in Hiring," Beauchamp (CC).
5. "Reverse Discrimination: A Brief Against It," Van Den Haag (CC).
6. "Affirmative Action," Steele (CC).
7. "What People Deserve," Rachels (CC).
8. "Affirmative Action and the Dilemma of the 'Qualified'," Cose (CC).

Midterm Exam study Guide Questions handed out in lecture, Friday, May 2nd

Week 6 (May 5, 7, 9): Equal Freedom and the Justification of Group Rights for National, Ethnic, and Religious Minorities

1. *Multicultural Citizenship* (Chapters 1-6), Kymlicka.
2. "Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians," Krogseng (CC).

Midterm Exam Friday, May 9th

Week 7 (May 12, 14, 16): Kymlicka's Multicultural Citizenship and the Problem of Illiberal Groups

1. "Tribal Courts' Failure to Protect Native American Women: A Reevaluation of the Indian Civil Rights Act," Christofferson (CC).
2. *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, U.S. Supreme Court (CC).
3. "Democratic Autonomy and Religious Freedom," Arneson and Shapiro (CC).
4. "Toleration and Its Limits" (Chapter 8 of *Multicultural Citizenship*, pp. 152-173).

Week 8 (May 19, 21, 23): Illiberal Groups in a Liberal State

1. "The Return of the Repressed," Stoltzenberg (CC).
2. "The Ties That Bind" (Chapter 9 of *Multicultural Citizenship*, pp. 173-192).

Week 9 (May 28, 30): Justice and Punishment: The Death Penalty Debate

1. "In defense of Capital Punishment," Van Den Haag (CC).
2. "The Death Penalty on Trial" Newsweek (CC).
3. "A Matter of Life and Death," Bedau (CC).
4. *Furman v. Georgia*, U.S. Supreme Court (CC).
5. *McClesky v. Kemp*, U.S. Supreme Court (CC).

NO CLASS MONDAY MAY 26TH – MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Second paper topic handed out Wednesday May 28th

Week 10 (June 2, 4, 6): Challenges to the Justice of Punishment

1. "Marxism and Retribution," Murphy (CC).
2. "Seductions of Crime," Katz (CC).

Second paper DUE at scheduled exam time.

Course Requirements: Grades for this course will be assigned based on two papers (35% x 2 = 70%) on assigned topics, a midterm exam (25%), and 5% based on attendance and in-class quizzes (no more than 2 absences for the full 5% credit). Papers will be about 6-8 pages in length, and must include 15-16 citations to the assigned texts.

Policy on missed exams and late assignments

- A late paper is marked down one grade and the student must get the consent of her/his TA about when the later paper is handed in, typically within 2-5 days of the original due date.
- Make-up papers must be arranged as soon as possible after illness, injury, or family emergency.
- The policy on make-up follows UCSD policy, since there are strict calendar deadlines established by the University for the submission of grades at the end of a quarter.
- Sudden long-term illness, injury, or family emergency necessitate withdrawal from the course.

Schedule of Assignments:

Week 3:	First paper topic handed out Friday April 18 th
Week 4:	First paper due Friday April 25 th
Week 5:	Midterm study guide questions handed out on Friday, May 2 nd
Week 6:	Midterm exam on Friday, May 9 th
Week 9:	Second paper topic handed out Wednesday May 28 th
Final:	Second paper due at scheduled final exam time on June 11, 2014 8:00-10:59a Location TBA

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All papers will be written entirely in the student's own words and no paragraph, sentence or sentence fragment will come from our text or any other sources. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. PAPERS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO TURNITIN.COM TO ENSURE FAIRNESS AND HONESTY. Your paper will include no direct quotations but must include citations indicating where the idea being discussed is located in our text. There will be 10-15 citations per paper. The paper must be based on the class readings. Any plagiarism or academic dishonesty on any paper or exam will result in an 'F' for the whole course and is reported to the UCSD Academic Integrity Office.

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