SOCI 313 A01
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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Course Description and Objectives

What is law? How do we think about it? What are the ways in which we engage law in everyday practice? In this course, students will be provided with the opportunity to think ‘differently’ about law. For instance, we will examine closely at the concept of ‘legal consciousness’ and apply it to a variety of legal rights, including sexual harassment, dangerous work, and immigration. Another major theme of the course will be on the various explanations surrounding corporate violations and styles of social regulation. The course will also provide an opportunity for students to engage the following contemporary legal topics: indigenous law, whistle-blowing, regulatory capture, food safety, conflicts of interest, and corrupted regulatory science.

Skills Development

This course provides students with the theoretical skills to evaluate how law operates in practice, as well as guidance on how to communicate socio-legal research to the general public. By the end of the course, students will learn how to think and respond as a socio-legal scholar when examining law and policy.

Required Materials

Please refer to the course outline (provided in class).