

SOCI 313

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW (Summer 2023)

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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 the concept of 'legal consciousness' and apply it to a variety of legal rights. Another major theme of the course will be on the various explanations surrounding corporate violations and styles of social regulation. The course may 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 will provide 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 Textbook

TBA

****** *The above outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.*

****** Please note that in-person lectures will NOT be recorded and posted online.