

Western University

Department of Philosophy

Philosophy 2821F (001): Philosophy of Law 2022-23

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has two main objectives. The first is to introduce students to the philosophy of law. The second is to help them develop the skills philosophy requires: careful reading, critical thinking, and clear writing.

Materials will be available online, on the course OWL page.

Assignments and evaluation

Four papers (five double-spaced pages): 30% x 2 = 60%. There will be four topics for you to choose from, each with its own due date. You may write any two you choose. You may write a third paper and, if you choose, a fourth, in which case your best two grades will determine your final grade. I will post a document with the topics and due dates on the course OWL page by the first day of classes.

2) A final exam: 40%

Late papers

Late paper will be subject to a penalty of 2%/day, to a maximum of 10%. I will accept papers after they have accumulated the full penalty, until the last day of the classes, Dec. 8, 2021.

If you need an extension on a paper, you will need to see an academic counsellor in the office of the dean of your faculty. Your counsellor will get in touch with me with any recommendations they have. I am not permitted to accept any documentation, medical or otherwise; please submit

Plagiarism checking

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

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