

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
Department of Philosophy
Undergraduate Course Outline 2024-25

PHILOSOP 2080
Philosophy of Law

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Information including instructor contact details and course location can be found on the course Owl BrightSpace: <https://westernu.brightspace.com/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

We will study the fundamental concepts of law, and the philosophical principles on which they are based. The course is divided into four sections, two each term, as follows: the first term will be spent on tort law and contract law; the second term criminal law and constitutional law. There

LEARNING OUTCOMES

A critical understanding of the main areas of law studied as well as their philosophical underpinnings and justifications.

To see the law as an evolving expression of our concepts of justice.

TEXTS

1. A course pack reproduction of the original text Private Law, Tort and Contract, 4th

Remember that it is our policy that **under no circumstances** will exam scores be re-weighted. Furthermore, make-up exams will not be treated as a second chance. So if, for example, you are ill and are unable to write the exam, seek medical attention, if at all possible, inform the Instructor (he/ she will have both voice-mail and e-mail), and do not write the exam. With permission from your faculty, we are able accommodate your appeal to write a make-up exam. We will not retrospectively accommodate a poor performance on a regularly scheduled exam if you choose, instead, to write it.

Make-up exams will be the same format as regularly scheduled exams.

Posting of Exam Marks

Examination marks will be made available online through the [Canvas LMS](#) (Canvas Learning Management System) at [http://www.canvaslms.com](#).

review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Your Home Faculty's Academic Advising Office will support or refer whenever you have an issue that is affecting your studies, including information on adding/dropping courses, academic considerations for absences, appeals, exam conflicts, and many other academic related matters. Do not hesitate to reach out to them if you are struggling and unsure where to go for help. Contact info for all Faculties is here:

https://registrar.uwo.ca/faculty_academic_counselling.html

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<https://uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends (24/7 availability).

GENDER-BASED AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Western University [is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence](#) (GBSV) and providing compassionate support to anyone who is going through or has gone through these traumatic events. If you are experiencing or have experienced GBSV (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including