

JURISPRUDENCE
HAMLIN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
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Law 101

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We will survey writings on legal philosophy, written primarily by American intellectuals during the past one hundred years. We will review classical jurisprudence as well, but emphasis will be on schools of thought that have arisen in the past twenty to thirty years.

READINGS

Robert Hayman, Jr., Nancy Levit, and Richard Delgado. *Jurisprudence Classical and Contemporary, 2nd Edition*. West, 2002.

REQUIREMENTS

I have designed this course to maximize student participation. I require the following: (1) That you attend every class and come prepared. (2) That you bring to each class a question or reflection, in writing, that you have developed from the readings. These will be turned in at the end of every class. (3) That you fully participate in class discussion. (4) That you write an essay on a topic approved by the instructor (approximately 10 typed pages). (5) That you make a brief presentation on your paper to the class as part of a panel. The essay will be due on the last day of class.

Computer Policy: Laptop computers should be used for note-taking and not for surfing the web.

In grading, I will take into account your class participation and preparation. For strong participation, I will raise your grade according to law school policy.

SCHEDULE

January 20	Introduction and Overview	
January 27	Natural Law	pp. 1-52
February 3	Positivism	pp. 74-123
February 10	Legal Realism	pp. 156-208
February 17	Legal Realism	pp. 235-297

February 24	Law and Economics	pp. 299-323, 348-357, 385-395
March 3	Critical Legal Studies	pp. 402-458
	PAPER TOPICS DUE TODAY	
March 10	Law and Literature	pp. 461-472, 479-515
March 17	Feminist Legal Theory	pp. 538-574, 582-595
March 24	SPRING BREAK	
March 31	Critical Race Theory	pp. 613-647, 650-659
April 7	Gay and Lesbian Legal Rights	pp. 700-733, read 2003 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, <i>Lawrence v. Texas</i>
April 14	Panel Presentations	
April 21	Panel Presentations	
April 28	Panel Presentations	

PAPERS DUE BY MAY 5