

**PHIL\*3040-01**

**PHILOSOPHY OF LAW [0.50]**

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Brief Course Synopsis:

What is law? What is the source of its binding power? In what way law is different from morality and politics? In what way is it similar? And other similar questions will be the focus of the course. The course is an introductory discourse on law, its theoretical underpinnings and its practical application. We will consider various responses to the aforementioned questions. The aim of the course is to familiarize the students with the historical and theoretical background of the concepts that ground the legal system in North America, in general, and in Canada in particular.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course students:

\*should have a good grasp of the history and development of major legal concepts and theories.

\*should have a good understanding of the nature, validity and scope of the law.

\*should be able to critically analyze legal arguments in our contemporary society and assess their merit.

TEXTBOOK(S): TBA

EVALUATION: TBA

PREREQUISITE(S): 1.50 credits in Philosophy or 7.50 credits or PHIL\*2120.