

**SOCIOLOGY 332**  
**Survey of Sociology of Law**

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**Course Description & Objective**

The purpose of the law is the political enforcement of social order. In this course we will examine how the legal system is organized, and how it operates. We will examine why the legal system has credibility and largely afforded credibility by the masses.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Cotterell, "Sociology of Law: Intro" ISBN: 9780406517708
- Current readings that I will provide in the resources section

**STUDENT EVALUATION**

Your grade will consist of the following:

1. 4 Sample Legal Briefs	20 points
2. Book Review	15 points
3. Literature Review	20 points
4. Final Research Paper	30 points
5. Discussion Board	15 points

1. Legal Briefs: students will learn the basics of legal research to improve understanding of how the law is applied.

1. Book Review: Students will select a scholarly text from an approved list and will use a template provided by Dr. Haija for how to structure the writing assignment

1. Literature Review: Students will choose a topic within our course foci and through and draft and resubmission process, students will conduct academic research and writing and complete a thorough literature review.

1. Final research paper: Building on their literature review, students will write a research paper which will require rigorous academic analysis utilizing writing skills, critical analysis skills, and a thorough understanding of the body of research on their topic.

1. Discussion board posts - weekly posts on the discussion board.

**Total 100 points**

**The final exam is online, multiple choice/true false, and open-book**

**Students should regularly check their UH email account for messages.**

**COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS: (Schedule is subject to change)**

Topic	Reading Assignment
TBA	=====
TBA	=====
TBA Legal Briefs due	=====
TBA	=====
TBA	=====
TBA Book Review due	=====
TBA	=====
TBA	=====
TBA Literature Review Due	=====
TBA	=====
TBA	=====
TBA Final Research Paper due	=====
TBA	=====

**FINAL WRITING ASSIGNMENT**

**SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS :**

- **NO EXTRA CREDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE UPON REQUEST**
- **NO GRADE NEGOTIATING**