

Minnesota State University Moorhead

SOC 309: Law and Society

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 4

Lecture Hours/Week: 4

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

SOC 302 - Social Theory

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Relationships of law and society; social forces in law making; dynamics of law administration; social, cultural and behavioral effects of law; history and development of the legal profession; analysis of legal language and reasoning. Prerequisite may be waived with the consent of the instructor. Same as CJ 309.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/01/1995 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Research and commentary in the Sociology of Law.
2. Theoretical perspectives on law in society including Functional, Interactionist, critical, critical race theory, and feminist criminologies
3. Philosophy and history of the Rule of Law.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To understand definitions of law and definitions of society.
2. To understand contemporary theoretical and research questions in sociology of law.
3. To know the contemporary controversies in national debates about law and society.
4. To know how law and its implementation influences everyday life.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted