

COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

101

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course offers an overview of sociological approaches to law as social relationships and social institution. It gives an overview of theoretical, methodological, and empirical issues discussed in the Sociology of Law as a sub-discipline. The themes of the course include questions of justice, law enforcement, legal professionalism, everyday 'life' of law, social norms, and social change. These topics are scrutinised through both socio-legal and sociological methods. Drawing on theoretical approaches in legal studies, the course offers a variety of definitions of law that are then critically assessed with sociological tools. Hence, the broader question of the course is: What is law? What forms does the law take in our societies? How does law constitute the societies and do societies constitute the law? In other words, during the classes, we look at social, political, and historical aspects of the formation of justice as we know it.

The course covers literature in the Sociology of Law from classic authors (Marx, Durkheim, and Weber) to contemporary debates (feminist jurisprudence, queer criminology, etc.).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOC20350

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Sociology

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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