

COURSE DETAIL

LAW IN SOCIETY

Country

Australia

Host Institution

University of Melbourne

Program(s)

University of Melbourne

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

12

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

LAW IN SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

LAW IN SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines theories, concepts, forms and practices of law in contemporary Australian society. It looks at the ways that "harm" is constructed as a legal category and encourages students to ask who is able to name something as either harmful, or not worthy of state intervention, and how this capacity to name effects socio-political relations. To develop this analysis, the course discusses the norms that underpin the capacity to name particular practices as harmful, and engages critically with certain historical and current harms. Examples of such harms might include treachery, riot and disorder, terrorism, payback, the Northern Territory Emergency Response, torture, sadomasochistic sex acts, or female circumcision.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CRIM10002

Host Institution Course Title

LAW IN SOCIETY

Host Institution Course Details

<https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/subjects/crim10002>

Host Institution Campus

Parkville

Host Institution Faculty

Arts

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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