

Sociology of Law and Legal Institutions (Sociology 271)
Oberlin College, Spring Semester 2005
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- I. A number of books have been assigned and are available wherever you folks like to purchase your books, including the Bookstore downtown.

Sarat's THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF LAW
Brumberg's, KANSAS CHARLEY
Friedman's, LAW IN AMERICA
Turow's, ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT
Isenberg's, THE CIGA LAW GUIDE TO INTERNET LAW
Foucault's, ABNORMAL

- II. The Honor Code will be followed in this course and all written work must Comply with the code and its affirmation.
- III. Any student in need of educational accommodation to a different learning style should notify me at your earliest convenience. Such accommodations will be forthcoming.
- IV. My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 10: 55 a.m. My phone Number is 58375. Office is King 324. Email: James.Leo.Walsh@Oberlin.edu.
- V. Classes will be partial lectures and partial discussions. Two page position Papers on announced topics will be due at two-week intervals. The first, on tort reform, will be due February 24. The second, on History and the Law is due on March 10. The third, on the origins of Juvenile Law (or Juvenile Bind Overs) is due on March 24. The Fourth, on the Death Penalty, is due On April 14. The Fifth, on Police or Prisons or a topic of your choice is due On April 28.
- VI. Careful reading of the assigned materials is expected.
- We begin with Sarat, Part III, Chapters 15-19.
 - Week 2 is Sarat, Chapters 1-11 and Friedman's LAW IN AMERICA
 - Week 3 is Sarat, Chapters 12-14 and Brumberg's KANSAS CHARLEY.
 - Week 4 is Sarat, Chapters 20-32.
 - Week 5 is Turow's ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT and Sarat, Ch. 60-65.
 - Week 6 is Sarat, Chp. 12-14
 - Week 7 is Sarat, Chp. 33-37.
 - Week 8 is Sarat Chp. 47-55.
 - Week 9 is Sarat Chp, 38-42
 - Week 10 is CIGA LAW.
 - Week 11 is Sarat, Chps. 43-46 and 56-59.
 - Week 12 is Foucault. ABNORMAL.

- VII. Attendance is an essential part of the class. You are permitted 3 mental health days. You will be asked, under the guidelines of the Honor Code, the number of classes missed and the extent of the required reading completed at the end of the semester. I will dock one full grade for more than 3 classes missed. I will be appalled, disgruntled and grumpy if all reading is not completed.

This will be the final time this course is taught and I have earned the right to bypass a final examination. I hereby announce the exercise of that right.

Be well, do well and be happy in thy work.