

Sociology 365 (Law, Literature and Society)  
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--Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to 10:55 a.m.

All requirements of the Oberlin Honor Code will be enforced in this class. Students must sign the Honor Code affirmation on all written work. I will inquire of you the number of missed classes and the percentage of required reading completed. That inquiry will come at the end of the semester and the honor code applies. Missing more than three classes without justification and/or failure to read all materials will result in the loss of one full letter grade. There is a real world out there and this is part of your preparation.

Any student who in need of accommodation to a different learning style need only let me know. Appropriate accommodations to those needs will be forthcoming.

The bookstore has several books as required reading for this course. One, LEGAL FICTIONS, is currently out of print and may not be available. Another, Cozzins' GUARD OF HONOR will be a bit late arriving.

You are to read the following and in the following order:

1. SNOW FALLS ON CEDARS
2. A HIGH WIND IN JAMAICA
3. SHIP OF FOOLS
4. GUARD OF HONOR
5. BOOK OF DANIEL
6. BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
7. A FLAG FOR SUNRISE

As the semester unfolds, I will make available supplementary materials to supplement the required reading. The first of these will be the Supreme Court's Japanese Internment cases. You should also be aware of two books by Oberlin grads. One by Bill Schulz (Executive Director of Amnesty International) is TAINTED LEGACY: 9/11 AND THE RUIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS. Another is by a conservative columnist, Michelle Maglalang Malkin (Class of 1992) who has just published, IN DEFENSE OF INTERNMENT: THE CASE FOR 'RACIAL PROFILING' IN WORLD WAR II AND THE WAR ON TERROR.

Each of you will be expected to write a 10-12 page paper dealing with the broad subject of law, literature and society. The paper's first draft is due just before Spring Break. You will have a chance to rewrite it by semester's end. At my discretion, some or all will be selected for presentation. Each of you is to read and comment on

(4-5 typewritten pages of comments) five of your colleagues' papers. Copies of the comments are to be forwarded to me.

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