



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE NUMBER: LAW 496:B1 **COURSE NAME:** LEGAL HISTORY

PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE

PREREQUISITE FOR: NONE

CREDITS: 3 HOURS PER TERM: 3 TERM: 2ND MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT: 25

PROFESSORS: J.M. LAW

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE X SEMINAR X OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

The **primary** method of evaluation in this course is a research paper worth 80% of the Grade. The remainder of the grade in the course will be made up of class participation worth 20%.

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In this course, a problem or topical approach to legal history will be utilized. In other words, legal history will be studied in the context of a number of general topic areas such as: **use of courts and law as devices of legitimation** (the use of courts and law in Stuart England); **women and the law** (women's property rights, women's political rights, women and divorce, women and the criminal law); **race and the law** (law and slavery; racial discrimination of ethnic minorities); **law and the control of government power** (law and the protection of property and individual rights); **law and economic power** (the use of law in the development of liberal capitalism, control of labour by law); **law and morality** (criminalization of prostitution, homosexuality, public health legislation); **law and war** (military law, war crimes, the operation of law in time of war); **law and political rights** (law and the protection of property and individual liberty, use of courts and law for political purposes); **history of the legal profession and professionalism** (history of legal education; the rise of the modern legal profession); **and law and crime** (the relationship between property, authority in the criminal law, crime law and economic conditions, and the codification of criminal law).

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

EVENING CLASS:

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:

OTHER:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):

Supplementary Materials: Available on E-Reserve (Weir Memorial Law Library)/and by direct link to particular articles, statutes.