

**SYLLABUS
LAW AND SOCIETY
Sociology 4054
Spring 2005
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Date	Topic	Assignment
Jan. 11 th	Introduction	
Jan. 13	Characteristics/Functions of Law	Friedman 1 – Introduction Friedman 2 – Introduction and Ch. 1
Jan. 18	Systems/Theories/Types of Law	
Jan. 20 th	History of Anglo-American Law	Friedman 1 – Ch. 2
Jan. 25 th	Continued	
<u>Substantive Law</u>		
Jan. 27 th	Race and American Law	Friedman 1 - pp. 69-72 Friedman 2 – Ch. 5 and pp. 280-302
Feb. 1 st	Continued	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>
Feb. 3 rd	Continued	
Feb. 8 th	Gender and American Law	Friedman 1 – pp. 59-68 <i>Women's Subordination and The Role of Law</i> –Taub and Schneider
Feb. 10 th	Continued	Friedman 1 – pp. 147-152 Friedman 2 – pp. 302-310
Feb. 15	Continued	
Feb. 17	Age and American Law	Selected readings
Feb. 22	Continued	<i>Tinker v. Des Moines School District</i>
Feb. 24 th	Death Penalty for Juveniles (guest lecturer – Michael Radelet)	Friedman 1 – pp. 111-115 Friedman 2 – pp. 217-223
March 1 st	Open	
March 3 rd	MIDTERM	

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March 8 th	Poverty and American Law	
March 10 th	Continued	
March 15	Religion and American Law	Friedman 2 – Ch. 16
March 17	Continued	

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Procedural Law

March 29 th	Introduction to Procedural Law	
March 31 st	Effect of Race on Procedural Law	<i>Miranda v. Arizona</i>
April 5 th	Continued	
April 7 th	Effect of Age on Procedural Law	Selected Readings
April 12 th	Continued	
April 14 th	Effect of Poverty on Procedural Law	Selected Readings
April 19 th	Effect of Gender on Procedural Law	Selected Readings

Social Controversy and the Law

April 21 st	Right to Privacy	Friedman 1, pp. 153-157 Friedman 2, pp. 326-330 and pp. 529-532 <i>Lawrence v. Texas</i>
April 26 th	Open	
April 28 th	Review session	

Required Books

Friedman, Lawrence M. LAW IN AMERICA: A SHORT HISTORY, Modern Library, New York. 2004.

Friedman, Lawrence M. AMERICAN LAW IN THE 20TH CENTURY, Yale University Press, New Haven, Conn. 2002.

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