

# PHIL 348: MWF, 11:30 - 12:30

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## Philosophy of Law

### Course Description

The course will discuss issues in the Philosophy of Law, selected from the following topics:

Legal positivism

Law and morality

Rights and duties

Law as a system of norms

Fault

*Mens rea and actus reus*

Distributive and rectificatory justice

Law, command and sovereign

The justification of punishment

Paternalistic legislation

Negligence and legal responsibility

“Effectiveness” vs “validity” of a law

Natural law

Censorship

Justice, equality and merit

Permissible restrictions on free speech