

## IEE2085-01 RACE AND LAW IN THE UNITED STATES

<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	RACE AND LAW IN THE UNITED STATES	<b>COURSE SECTION</b>	CODE- IEE2085-01
<b>CREDIT</b>	3	<b>CLASS PERIOD</b>	P1(09:00~10:40)
<b>OFFICE</b>		<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	
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**[COURSE INFORMATION]**

<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION &amp; BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE COURSE</b>	This course examines basic philosophical and theoretical problems about law in constitutional democracies—its origins, its nature, its grounds for legitimacy, and its scope and force. The course introduces theories of law from the natural rights tradition, social contract theory, legal positivism, and legal realism. We conclude by examining theories of law influenced by interpretive theories (hermeneutics), by various schools of critical theory, including critical race theory and feminist theory, and by scholars working in law and society.						
<b>COURSE GOALS</b>	1.						
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<b>COURSE METHODS (100% TOTAL)</b>	LECTURE	PRACTICE TRAINING	PRESENTATION	DEBATE	TEAM PROJECT		
<b>GRADING POLICY (100% TOTAL)</b>	MIDTERM	FINAL EXAM	QUIZ	INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT	TEAM ASSIGNMENT	ATTENDANCE	OTHERS
				100%			
<b>PREREQUISITE</b>	None, although some familiarity with basic civics and political philosophy would be helpful.						
<b>COURSE REQUIREMENTS</b>	Students will be expected to complete the assigned readings and to attend the weekly lectures. All of the readings for this course will be posted on-line.						
<b>TEXTS &amp; REFERENCES</b>	Final grades will depend upon class participation (20%), and then two essay exams (40% each), one at the end of the third week and then the other at the end of the sixth week. For class participation, students will have the option of writing three one-page papers that correspond to the week's readings.						



WEEK	DAILY TOPIC & CONTENTS	COURSE MATERIAL & ASSIGNMENTS	REFERENCE
WEEK1 (June 30 to July 3, 2025)	Basic Themes in the Philosophy of Law (God, religion, morality)	Essays by Hannah Arendt; lectures in legal history and Christian philosophy.	
WEEK 2 (July 7 to July 10, 2025)	Law as Agreement, Law and Legal Systems (Constitutions as Social Contracts)	Essays by John Locke and John Rawls, as well as other scholarly articles about social contract theory and constitutional democracies.	
WEEK3 (July 14 to July 17, 2025)	Law and Positivism (Law, Rules)	Essays by H.L.A. Hart, Joseph Raz, and Leslie Green.	
WEEK4 (July 21 to July 23, 2025)	Legal Realism and the Sociology of Law (Law as a Bad Man. Law in the books versus law in the real world.)	Essays by Chulwoo Lee, Brian Tamanaha, and Chulwoo Lee.	
WEEK5 (July 28 to July 31, 2025)	Critical Accounts of Law and Legal Systems: Critical Race Theory and Feminist Theory (The implicit norms within the law; law and structural forms of inequality.)	Essays by Mark Tushnet, Cheryl Harris, and Hyunah Yang.	
WEEK6 (August 4 to August 6, 2025)	Democratic and Interpretative Theories of Law (Law and core democratic values; law, justice, and fairness.)	Essays by Ronald Dworkin and by Jeremy Waldron; lectures in democratic theory.	