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LAW SCHOOL

Law and Religion –Law 101

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Syllabus

Course Description

This course surveys the concepts, ideas, philosophical foundations, historical relationship and contemporary interaction between law and religion in world affairs with special emphasis of the western world. Students will actively participate in discussions and research in the comparative and complex problems in the interface of law and religion from divergent views such as freedom of religion, church/state relations, cultural relativism, as well as consideration of theological, philosophical, historical, political and sociological-related questions.

Course Objectives

- * To gain a firm understanding of the nexus between law and religion in our society.*
- * To understand the role of the Law in different cultural and religious scenarios.*
- * To grapple with the meaning of religious freedom in the context of a pluralist society.*
- * To grapple with the human rights laws and concept in our society with religious beliefs.*

Upon completing this course, students will be able to address and answer complex issues and important questions such as:

- * What is the legal and social history of the term "religion"?*
- * Has religion affected legal history?*
- * Has law affected religious history?*
- * How have legislation defined religious conduct?*
- * How religion has influenced the laws related to sexual behavior?*