

15:293:630 Current Topics in Special Education: Law and Social Policy (**Draft Syllabus**)
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Course Description. This course is a doctoral level seminar addressing special education law and social policy. Current and proposed special education law and policies will be analyzed. How special education law impacts the schooling of students with disabilities, their parents, teachers, and school administrators will be considered.

Course Materials:

Rothstein, L. & Johnson, S.F. (2010). *Special education law*. 4th Edition. Sage
Class handouts

Requirements

1. Preparation. A careful reading of all assignments prior to class.
2. A major research paper is required. The paper will be 20 to 30 pages in length. It is expected that that the paper will be thoroughly researched, integrating legal and the social science sources where appropriate. The pare will be organized, cogent and clearly written following APA format. An oral presentation of the paper will also be required.

Topics

1. Access to Education
2. Appropriate Education
3. Least Restrictive Environment
4. Private Schooling
5. Discipline
6. Transition
7. Procedural Safeguards
8. NCLB