

LAW 7095: Sentencing and Punishment

This course will focus on the theory and practices of sentencing. This includes a basic discussion of deterrence, rehabilitation, incapacitation, and just deserts as principles of sentencing, and how these ideas have fallen in and out of favor over time. We will examine the decision to imprison as well as the possibility of alternative or intermediate sanctions, such as community service, fines or shaming. In addition to discussing a brief history of sentencing in general, we will examine recent experiences with sentencing, including the rise of guideline systems (federal and state). We will also explore some of the moral, constitutional, and procedural aspects of the death penalty. Exam Info: Exam administered during exam period.

Credits: 3.0