

## COMPARATIVE LAW

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The purpose of this course is to explore and compare two different legal traditions: the civil law of Continental Europe and Latin America, and the common law of England which has served as the foundation for the legal systems of the United States, Canada, and much of the English-speaking world. As a result, the student will gain an enhanced appreciation for the complexities and varieties of legal analysis and legal systems, and a greater capacity to work with legal issues that often arise in a global legal practice.

TEXT: Mary Ann Glendon, Paolo G. Carozza, and Colin B. Picker, *COMPARATIVE LEGAL TRADITIONS*, 3d ed. (2007).

The course grade will be based on the following: (25%) class attendance and participation in discussions; (75%) final three-hour written examination.

Jan 12: Introduction, *COMPARATIVE LEGAL TRADITIONS (CLT)*, 1-23  
Jan 14: The Concept of Legal Tradition, *CLT*, 23-49  
Jan 19: History and Evolution of the Civil Law Tradition, *CLT*, 52-75  
Jan 21: Legal Structures in Civil Law Nations, *CLT*, 76-105  
Jan 26: Legal Structures in Civil Law Nations, *CLT*, 106-131  
Jan 28: Legal Actors in the Civil Law Tradition, *CLT*, 137-160  
Feb 2: Legal Actors in the Civil Law Tradition, *CLT*, 160-184  
Feb 4: Civil and Criminal Procedure in Civil Law Systems, *CLT*, 185-217  
Feb 9: Sources of Law in Civil Law Systems, *CLT*, 219-225, 226-244  
Feb 11: Sources of Law in Civil Law Systems, *CLT*, 244-260  
Feb 16: Fields of Substantive Law in Civil Law Systems, *CLT*, 260-293  
Feb 18: Fields of Substantive Law in Civil Law Systems, *CLT*, 294-303  
Feb 23: History of the Common Law Tradition, *CLT*, 306-324  
Feb 25: Legal Structures in England: The British Government, *CLT*, 325-349  
Mar 2: Judicial Review of Legislation, *CLT*, 349-372  
Mar 4: The Judicial Structure, *CLT*, 372-393  
Mar 9: The Judicial Structure, *CLT*, 393-414  
Mar 11: The Judicial Structure, *CLT*, 415-429  
Mar 16: Legal Actors in England, *CLT*, 430-474  
Mar 18: Legal Actors in England, *CLT*, 474-507  
\*\*\*SPRING BREAK\*\*\*  
Mar 30: Legal Procedure in England, *CLT*, 508-532  
Apr 1: Criminal Procedure in England, *CLT*, 533-557  
Apr 6: The English Jury System, *CLT*, 558-575  
Apr 8: Appellate Procedure, *CLT*, 575-592  
Apr 13: Legal Sources in England: Precedent, *CLT*, 593-621  
Apr 15: Custom, Conventions and Royal Prerogative, *CLT*, 622-640  
Apr 20: Legislation, the Constitution, and European Union Law, *CLT*, 640-672  
Apr 22: Fields of English Law, *CLT*, 672-685  
FINAL EXAMINATION

