

Psychiatry and the Law

Winter term, [Block Winter](#)

M,T,W,Th,F 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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3 classroom credits LAW-44600A Winter

This course will examine the recent developments in mental health law, civil commitment, the right to refuse treatment, competency to stand trial, the insanity defense, recovered memory, and psychiatric malpractice. Psychiatric materials will be examined in detail in an effort to analyze the medical model of mental illness and its limitations for legal purposes. Examples of material to be studied: the major psychoses, suicide, recovered memory, the sexual deviate, and the psychiatric concepts of the sociopath. Consideration will also be given to various psychiatric treatments and their possible abuse; e.g., drugs, behavior modification, electro-shock therapy, and psychosurgery.

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