

Take-Home Essay Assignment

Due Wednesday, July 17, at the beginning of class

NOTE: LATE PAPERS WILL BE MARKED DOWN unless:

- (1) you have a medical excuse, and**
- (2) you present a doctor's note when the paper is turned in.**

Please submit both a written copy of your essay in class and also an electronic copy via TritonEd. All submitted papers will be subject to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the terms of use agreement posted on the Turnitin.com site.

Late submissions will be marked down by one transcript grade. No late submissions of this assignment will be accepted after July 24, 2019.

Please write an essay on the following set of questions. The essay should be no more than five pages (**double-spaced, standard 12-point font, 1-inch margin; if hand-written, the total word count must not exceed 1500 words**).

“Our obligation is to define the liberty of all, not to mandate our own moral code.” Justice Anthony Kennedy in *Lawrence v. Texas*

How does Lawrence Friedman characterize American legal culture?
In what ways is this legal culture related to the culture of our society?
Drawing from the case of *Lawrence v. Texas* as an example, discuss whether you agree that law is influenced by dominant cultural beliefs.

Your essay will be graded by using the following rubric:

Argument	50%
Readings	30%
Writing	20%