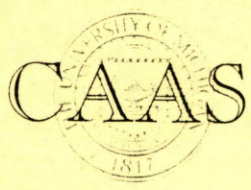


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Black Community - Legal Rights II
AAS 451

THE LAW OF APARTHEID; RACE AND LAW IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES

With a particular emphasis on the law of apartheid, AAS 451 will be a study of law and race in South Africa and the United States. Under this broad theme, we will consider several topics. We will first set the backdrop for the course by considering comparative perspectives on the historical evolution of South Africa and the United States. Of particular concern here will be the interaction of culture, demography, economics, geography and politics, and the role of law in defining relationships in the two societies. We will then move to the major focus of the course, the institutionalization and operation of the law of apartheid. In studying the legal components of apartheid we will first explore the concepts of grand and petit apartheid. We will then examine specific areas such as education, influx control, labor, political participation, and territorial separation. In addition, attention will be given to the issues of civil liberties, human rights and political detention. This part of the course will also consider the current impasse in South Africa. We will be particularly concerned here with the possibilities and limitations and law as a mechanism of control and as a medium of reform. The course will conclude with the comparative look at race and law in the United States and South Africa. A goal here is to discern similarities and differences in the operation of race and law in the two societies. The aims of AAS 451 are to gain familiarity with the legal particulars of apartheid, to acquire an appreciation for the comparative experiences of the United States and South Africa and to broaden understanding of law and its relationship to the social order.

WEDNESDAY 6:30-9:30 P.M.
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