

PHIL 195
**Seminar in
Philosophy of Law**
Spring 2026



Special Edition:
**Metaphysics
and the Law**

Wed. 4:30-7:15
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When do (gun) parts make a whole (gun)?
Are there any non-human (e.g., corporate, animal, river) persons?
Can you transform into a new person to escape liability?
How free do you need to be to be responsible (and punishable)?

These are some of the metaphysical questions that pervade the law. In this seminar, we'll take a deep dive into the connection between classical metaphysical questions and their legal applications.

Assessment in the class will be based on discussion, written work or the kind you would encounter in law school, and creative projects.

This class fulfills the seminar requirement for the philosophy major.

Prerequisites: **3 units of philosophy** and upper division standing, or instructor permission.