

# **Gun Control, The Second Amendment & The Right of Self Defense: A Comparative Approach**

(Two Semester Credits)

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The course is an historical journey from the early beginnings and antecedents of the Second Amendment into modern day US Supreme Court jurisprudence. The course similarly traces the first concepts of the right of self-defense, including religious and natural law sources, flowing into modern day civil law and common law approaches to the same. The laws of Japan, Canada, Malta and other EU nations will be examined. The class is highly interactive, including multiple code drafting exercises, and split reading assignments where students must argue and advocate for different positions. The course concludes with a traditional final.