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[Karen West](#) · 3 days ago 🔒



Hi,

I attempted your quiz 1 today, and even with the added help of Penny Parker's notes, having taken all 3 ungraded homeworks until I got them correct, attempting your presentation writing, I did not pass even one instance of your quiz 1. I am a high tech person from the US, and thought I'd take this class as an interesting humanity, as I've done before. But I don't think I'm able to keep up enough to do well in your class, so I'm considering withdrawing. I saw that a pass in this class is considered 8/10, and I got: 7/10, 7.25/10, and 7.55/10, and not one of those instances is considered a passing grade, so my guess is that perhaps this class is too hard for my background?

I have not dropped yet but I'm considering it. I'm not part of the EU, and I suppose my husband's home country is (the UK), but he is currently working in the US where I've lived the entire 50 years of my life. I thought perhaps a humanity that explains the similarities and differences in economies and laws in the EU and the US may be interesting as an added humanity to my normal high tech focus, but I'm now thinking I'm probably in something over my head, and perhaps my time would be better spent elsewhere closer to my area of expertise, rather than an added humanity type course.

So that is why I'm considering withdrawing. I'll think about it and see.

Thanks and good luck to all.

Karen

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[Alejandro Abad](#) · 3 days ago 🔒

We need 27.2 out of 34 points, and we have 4 ensured from the surveys, you still can do it if you achieve 15.65 points between the next two quizzes.

Do not despair!

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[Karen West](#) · 3 days ago 🔒



I'll have to check - did I take a survey? I've taken so many of these MOOCs (4 at the moment) that I'm not sure but thanks for mentioning that - I'll go check. I have taken other MOOCs where I did not pass although most times I do. In those cases I stuck with them because I learned something from doing it. So we'll see how it goes.

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[Karen West](#) · 3 days ago 🔒



Is this what you mean? For some reason I received 1.45/2.00 on my survey? Jan. 5th, 2015 was my 50th birthday so perhaps that is why I forgot I took this.

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[Alejandro Abad](#) · 3 days ago 🔗

There is some kind of technical error, but we all have earned 2 points.

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[Karen West](#) · 3 days ago 🔗

Thanks Alejandro. I'm not going to worry about the grade since it's not really ever been my major area of expertise. If I get a good grade, great, if I don't, then if you learn from the experience that's all that's important. I just have to evaluate - am I learning enough from the experience with the effort I'm making? So that's why I said I'm thinking about it. It's good to know though about the survey since sometimes I miss the "fine print" about these things! ;-)

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E. James Willrich · 3 days ago

Don't worry about the quizzes! I take them in some courses and not in others. Just concentrate on listening and learning. This is a very interesting course and it will be really beneficial if you ever travel to an EU countries. One thing I've learned already is that the U.S. should have required all its citizens to be multi-lingual like the Swedes! We're really at a great disadvantage by not knowing more than English, at least for the most part, tu entiendes!!

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Tiffany · 2 days ago

Yes, those are very interesting questions on the exams. I received 7.5 twice and eventually finished up with 8.50 - although I also read somewhere here that the passing grade is 70%. Although it can be difficult to find the documents and apply them to the homework, take heart and try to continue. There's a roundup week to improve scores with a 4th attempt at the quizzes at the end. Taking lots of notes also helps!

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Anonymous · 3 days ago

In the announcement below, it said that the quizzes will be available again in the final round up week. I am wondering if we are allowed to re-take them at that time? Or do we have to leave and register back in to do that? I hope instructors can help to clarify this for us. Thank you in advance!

## Announcements

### Period Two is Published!

Dear Friends!

We are glad to announce that the second period is now published. There are three new modules available with lectures and homework, as well as the second graded quiz.

If you have just signed up for the course and missed the first graded quiz - no need to worry! All three quizzes will be available again in the final round up week.

Enjoy the second period!

Best regards

/Course Team Staff

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Andy · 3 days ago 🔒

Dear Lund Uni

If all the 3 Graded Quizzes would be available again, what about the "Graded Surveys"? Because my Pre-course Survey and Graded Quiz 1, were 0.67/2 and 10/10 respectively.

Please reply

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David Kron INSTRUCTOR · 2 days ago 🔒

Dear Andy,

The pre-course survey has once again been made available. [https://class.coursera.org/europeanbusinesslaw-001/quiz?quiz\\_type=survey](https://class.coursera.org/europeanbusinesslaw-001/quiz?quiz_type=survey)

The post-course survey will be published closer to march.

Good luck and keep up the good work!

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[Kristin Eickhoff](#) INSTRUCTOR · 2 days ago 🔒

Hi guys,

To fill in David's reply and answer Anonymous' question - all the graded quizzes will be available again in the round-up week, and you will get one additional attempt at each quiz. This is for those who want to improve their grade or who did not pass the quiz the first time it was open. You don't have to re-register or anything to be able to take the quizzes when they become available again.

Best regards,  
Kristin

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[Alexey Amvrosov](#) · 3 days ago 🔒

I just took the graded quiz, and I have to agree with what Karen is saying and what was already said before -- the quizzes are really difficult. Basically, it looks like some (not all) instructors leave really A LOT for the students to research themselves without much guidance. I am a trained lawyer and even I had to spend a lot of time researching. This is a good exercise but just requires quite some time and effort. And, being a lawyer, I can very well guess a person without legal background objectively cannot answer some of these questions -- you may need to understand the legal theory for that.

But having said all that, Karen -- you don't have to take all the quizzes do you? You may select just to listen to the lectures in a

relaxed mode -- and you just remember what you remember )))

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[Jay Hong Chew](#) · 2 days ago 🔒

Definitely agree with Karen... being one with no law background knowledge whatsoever, it is really quite tough - I got a 7.55/10 too, now really worried if I can even pass this course despite pulling out all the stops, even doing well for the SoA with Dist. assignments. It's hard to keep up...

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[Herta Martinache](#) · 2 days ago 🔒

Hello Karen and Jay,

You are right. This MOOC is quite a challenge for persons like you and me who do not have any legal training whatsoever. It takes some time to get used to the reasoning of lawyers. Let me encourage you – it is just a matter of habit. If you find the quizzes difficult, forget about them. Just enjoy the lectures – the next courses you will take will certainly seem less difficult.

Before this MOOC, I took the courses “Environmental Law and Policy” and “International Criminal Law”. These two courses helped me to become a bit familiar with legal thinking – which helps me to cope more or less with this course.

Keep at it!

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[Karen West](#) · 2 days ago 🔒



Thanks for the encouragement, Herta and others above!

We'll see how things go. So far I've stuck with it.

I've mostly taken technical classes and worked as a software engineer (and I'm now 50!) My BS and MS are in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and for 18 years I worked as an embedded software engineer. ;-) Recently while unemployed I've taken mostly technical skill building type MOOCs, but given I have a family to support and be responsible for, I've often mixed it up a bit to explore what I call a humanity, since I find 4 technical programming or design or test type classes a bit too much with a family. So I've taken MOOC style classes in these humanities, one at a time mixed with other more technically related classes, so I've been exposed to them before too. This one seems to be slightly more challenging for me as far as the humanities go, but it may get easier, or it may not, but as long as I learn from the experience then I often stick with things, whether they are humanity type or technical type learning experiences. I also took International Criminal Law from the Coursera Case Western MOOC, Justice from the EdX MOOC and Harvard, Micro-and-Macro-Economics from the University of California at Irvine and Coursera, International Human Rights from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium and EdX, Constitutional Law from Yale University and Coursera, and just recently completed Beyond Silicon Valley: Being and Entrepreneur in Transitioning Economies, from Case Western University and Coursera, so a mix of law/human rights and economics and entrepreneurship in all different type of economies humanity courses, one at a time usually, to complement some other technical courses I was taking at the same time.

I think I found the course from Belgium more difficult at first too, but it got easier as time went on and I ended up doing well. All the other humanity courses I took during my time doing these MOOCs were straight forward for me, and if I did not find them over-challenging in any way, even though I come from a technical background more so than these types of courses. I have also dropped courses that I've been in due to many different reason, tool installation issues with my OS in my tech courses, or if I found I did not have some pre-requisite.

My priority is to work though - so we'll see how things go. I've been unemployed in the Boston,MA,USA area now for 5 years, 5 months, and 24 days so far (not that I'm counting!) and I found that these MOOCs were a good way to spend your time 2 years into my unemployment. I submit resumes all the time but the unemployment here continues. I have in the past often found that the humanity courses "balance out your life" when also doing technical type things, and I have a 9



and 11 year old children and a very overworked husband! So we'll see how this goes as time goes on. Thanks for the encouragement! ;-)

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Anonymous · 2 days ago 🔒

Karen you have the same education and background as I do, and I'm in the same situation as well. I live in the Midwest, which is an even worse environment for high tech employment. So much for the "shortage" of STEM educated workers the media and big business keeps hyping, and it doesn't help that Obama is trying to open up even more slots for new foreign tech workers via the H-1B visa as part of his immigration "reform".

As far as this course being difficult, I agree with your points. I've taken other legal courses such as a law course at Stanford and ended up getting a perfect score in that one. This course I've given up on for credit, I may continue watching the lectures however as I enjoy the subject. I have always been interested in law and wish I had went in that direction instead of STEM.

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Karen West · 2 days ago 🔒



Never let unemployment break your spirit - I won't give up until I find my way back to employment! ;-)  
As for Obama, I did vote for him twice, and I find I often agree with his policies, but I also observe I've never been unemployed so long in my life as under his presidency. My former co-worker who recently helped me re-write my resume said to word this period at home unemployed and taking MOOCs and doing other projects of my own as:

***I took advantage of this period to keep my existing skills sharp, and to expand and learn new skills, diversify in business principles and humanities, and now I'm ready to apply them to my next job. Details of my self-directed study are available upon request. This time of self-directed study enabled me to gain a wider perspective, energized me, and gave me the opportunity to learn things I would not have otherwise had the time to learn if I had been working.***

I know many that explore MOOCs after work actually, and wouldn't that be a better situation to be in, if you still want to learn after your day job. Others I know explore start ups outside their day job. As far as being interested in the way the world in which we work operates (economies, their laws, whether human right or for business, etc) - it can never hurt, even if it's never the job that I do, given my background is so different. My undergraduate encouraged this actually - they required a certain number and type of humanity courses to complement the engineering curriculum, and I've continued that though in these MOOCs recently.

As for the MOOCs - I take them if it makes sense and I'm doing well enough to learn from the experience. I have dropped before though, if I find I am not capable of doing well enough to learn from the experience. More often than not though, I'm able to stick with them, and I've gotten better at doing well.

So good luck to you in the mid-west! After this current set of 4 MOOCs I'm taking ends, if I'm still unemployed, I'm going to start programming again, since it's been a few months since I've done that. We'll see how it goes! ;-)

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Karen West · 2 days ago



I forgot to comment about how you said you wish you had studied law instead of STEM. I have a bunch of friends and even my own brother who left being an engineer, IT, or science backgrounded person, to instead become a lawyer. They often become patent / intellectual property type lawyer. Most of them were in their mid-to-late 20's though when they made the switch - I've just turned 50, so given retirement occurs around age 65 or so, I have about 15 more years to save, and I'm nowhere near where I need to be (and I know the retirement schemes work differently country to country, as do things like taxing for other benefits such as healthcare - my husband's home country works differently in these aspects in some ways). But for me--I could never switch and pay to go to law school at age 50, even if I made a decision that I prefer that area of expertise! I need to get a job ASAP and save for retirement, help my kids get to college, etc. But if you feel you could and know you prefer it at what ever age you are - then perhaps you should consider it. A number of my friends and my brother did it and are very happy and they also make more money I think! I am in no position to do that - but I think understanding economies, laws, human rights, even if you work in the high tech field in a role that is not that area as

your major role - it's good to be both knowledgeable and aware of it all. So that is my situation. Good luck and thanks for the response! ;-)

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[Yan Chen](#) · 18 minutes ago 🔒

Hey Karen,

I feel I am on the similar boat. I originally take the course to feed my interest of Intellectual property as I am going to study a master course on that. I joined a bit late, and still catch up with the content. I turned my assignment in the very last minute, and the feedback comments are okay (apart from one really harsh one). I was unable to complete the quiz, but hopefully I am able to do that at the end of the course. I am from life science background, and found this course is quite challenging ( in a very positive way). In fact, I am kinda of glad I took this and am willing to work hard especially after receiving amazing notes from Penny :-).

I am currently job hunting, and is very demoralizing. I believe more than half of my stress and procrastinating are from that particular reason. I said so much about me in hoping you are not feeling alone. :-) However, I am sure you will grasp these knowledge very quickly from your high academic background though. Maybe persevering a bit more?

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[Karen West](#) · in 4 minutes 🔒



Thanks Yan Chen - Yes, at this time, I have stuck with the course, and my plan is to get back to it tomorrow, as I'm taking 4 MOOCs right now, this being one of them. So I will work on the writing that is due soon tomorrow, and this week's videos. I too submitted my writing last minute, but I had not realized what it was like actually, since other similar MOOCs I had taken did not have a strict type of writing requirement, so I put in the time that I had, since this is not my area of focus either, and I'm learning from the experience as I have with the other humanities I've taken in economics, human rights,

entrepreneurship, etc. In the past, it's always been my technical courses that have required extra time! ;-) So we'll see how it goes. I hate to drop things that I've put effort into learning, so as long as I learn from the experience, I stick with them, whether or not I achieve what is considered passing (80%?). Most courses I stick with if I can, but there were a few in the past I had to drop, in particular, some where I could not get the tools installed on my OS, so I could not do the projects, which were not only the bulk of the grade, but also, the bulk of the learning experience. So we'll see how this one goes, and thank you for your encouragement! ;-) In about 3 weeks time, 3 of my current MOOCs end, and I will only have this one left, except that I did sign up for another one in Feb. if I stick with it. My plan is to get back to doing some programming again after these 3 current MOOCs end, since every interview I've ever had has been for a software engineer position, and someone once even told me not to put these "humanity" MOOCs on my resume (CV in Europe!) because no one in high tech is interested in asking questions to me about them during an interview period. I did NOT follow that advice, and enjoy showing my diverse interest in economics, human rights, business law, etc, even if all my experience and degrees are in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and at age 50, I'm not likely to be getting any more degrees in any other areas (although I've seen some do that in past lives, when their employer paid for them to do it - that would be the only way I would, while being paid for working full time, but I don't think that path is likely for me either!) So these MOOCs are good to know but they do not often get brought up in any interview I've ever had -- but ultimately I do believe they are very important to know for ourselves, human rights, and the business world in general. So anyway - have no dropped yet -sticking with it for now!

As for Penny Parker's notes - they were amazing - but I actually did not find all the answers there even though it was an incredibly thorough job and nice of her to share those. I sometimes use my CS tricks, such as using the grep search tool on Linux, to go through all the text files that come with the videos - the words spoken by the lecturer - in a directory, to seek out a key word that may have only been spoken by the lecturer. I also downloaded the TFEU (?) document from the database to make it easier for me to search. Although I watched all the educational videos for using the database from Anna Wiberg - it is not committed to memory, and when time is tight - I resort to my old tricks for getting the job done rather than fighting searching their complicated database - that if I knew it better - would probably work better for me! As time goes on, maybe I will. As for the note sharing that Penny did - I did that for people in my micro and macro economics course - entirely myself in micro - and others helped me in the macro course - and it ended up being a group effort of various people putting notes together. Penny's were very good and it was a very nice gesture of her to share those with us. I have that same mind set - but in this class - I am no position to do what she did! ;-)

Take care and good luck!

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