

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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LEGAL STUDIES 101

Honors Section 301, Fall 2005
Monday/Wednesday 10:30am-12:00pm, JMHH F38

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- Course Overview:* This course is an introduction to law and the legal process. It will help you understand how legal systems work, how lawyers and judges think, how social values impact the way laws are interpreted, and how legal rules evolve to cover new situations.
- Materials:* All readings are contained in a Bulk Pack that you can obtain from Wharton Reprographics, in the basement of Steinberg-Dietrich Hall. Additional handouts will be provided during the semester. It is important that you do the reading before each class, so that you can participate in the discussion.
- Grading:* This is an honors section, so it involves a substantial written and oral presentation component. Grading will be based on two research papers (20% each), one formal oral presentation (20%), a final exam (25%), and class participation (15%).
- Papers:* The papers (5-10 double-spaced pages each) will be based on course subjects and materials, but will ordinarily require some research outside the bulkpack readings. Paper topics must be approved by the professor. Please note – (1) Papers may not be rewritten, and no extra credit will be given; (2) Plagiarism is taken very seriously, and you should consult with me if you have any questions; and (3) Any extensions of deadlines must be requested before the papers are due.
- Oral Presentation:* The oral presentation will take the form of a mock trial. Students will be divided into teams, and asked to prepare and present an argument on a pending case in Federal Court. The presentation will last 5-10 minutes, and will be before a “moot court” comprised of 2-3 judges. While written briefs from the case will be provided, students will be expected to do some external research. Upper-level law students will mentor students in the preparation of oral arguments.
- Final Exam:* The final exam is currently scheduled for Thursday, December 15th, 9:00-11:00am. It will include short answer and essay questions.
- Class Participation:* Class participation is taken seriously, and is not the same as attendance. You will be evaluated based on the quality of your participation and the extent to which it demonstrates preparation for the course. Completion of ungraded in-class assignments will also be counted towards class participation.
- Webcafé and Listserv* I will distribute lecture slides and other materials on the course Webcafé site: <<https://webcafe.wharton.upenn.edu/eRoom/lgst/101-fa05-1>>. If you are not a Wharton student, you first need to sign up for a computer account at <<http://accounts.wharton.upenn.edu/>>. The course also has an email listserv at <lgst101-301-05c@lists.upenn.edu>. I will use this occasionally for announcements. Please do not send messages to the class-wide list without asking me first.

LEGAL STUDIES 101 SYLLABUS

SCHEDULE

<i>September 7</i>	<u>Class 1</u> : Course Introduction
<i>September 12</i>	<u>Class 2</u> : Jurisprudence: What is Law?
<i>September 14</i>	<u>Class 3</u> : Personal Property
<i>September 19</i>	<u>Class 4</u> : Intellectual Property
<i>September 21</i>	<u>Class 5</u> : Intellectual “Property”?
<i>September 26</i>	<u>Class 6</u> : Real Property
<i>September 28</i>	<u>Class 7</u> : Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
<i>October 3</i>	<u>Class 8</u> : Privacy in the Modern World
<i>October 5</i>	<u>Class 9</u> : Torts
<i>October 10</i>	<u>Class 10</u> : Legal Process and Civil Procedure First paper due
<i>October 12</i>	<u>Class 11</u> : The Jury
<i>October 17</i>	NO CLASS (Fall Break)
<i>October 19</i>	<u>Class 12</u> : Contracts – Introduction
<i>October 24</i>	<u>Class 13</u> : Contracts – Consideration
<i>October 26</i>	<u>Class 14</u> : Contracts – Offer
<i>October 31</i>	<u>Class 15</u> : Contracts – Acceptance Second paper due
<i>November 2</i>	<u>Class 16</u> : Contracts – Revocation
<i>November 7</i>	<u>Class 17</u> : Contracts – Simulated Negotiation
<i>November 9</i>	<u>Class 18</u> : Contracts – Introduction to Remedies
<i>November 14</i>	<u>Class 19</u> : Contracts – Monetary Damages
<i>November 16</i>	<u>Class 20</u> : Contracts – PayPal Case Study
<i>November 21</i>	<u>Class 21</u> : Promissory Liability
<i>November 23</i>	<u>Class 22</u> : Electronic Commerce
<i>November 28</i>	<u>Class 23</u> : Moot Court Overview
<i>November 30</i>	<u>Class 24</u> : MOOT PREPARATION
<i>December 5</i>	<u>Class 25</u> : MOOT PREPARATION
<i>December 7</i>	<u>Class 26</u> : Course Review and Wrap-Up

Moot Court Presentation – Time and Place TBD