

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES**

LEGAL STUDIES 101-001

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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. The first part of the course surveys the ways judges think about the law using a variety of topics across the landscape of the law. The second part of the course focuses in depth on contract law so you can understand how the legal doctrine develops in a specific area that is critical to business. The final classes treat a subject that will be selected by your instructor based on the instructor's special expertise and interests.

The readings are contained in a Bulk Pack you can obtain from Wharton Reprographics. The reading materials for this course have recently been extensively revised; therefore the purchase of used copies of bulk-packs from previous semesters is not recommended!

There will be one outside speaker scheduled at a time and place to be announced. Attendance is mandatory and a question related to this speaker will be on the final exam.

Grading will be based on a mid-term and a final exam.

CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

January	9	Class 1 Course Introduction
	11	Class 2 Jurisprudence: How Do Judges Decide Cases?
	18	Class 3 The Law of Personal Property: What is Possession?
	23	Class 4 Intellectual Property: Music Industry v. Napster

January	25	Class 5 Real Property: Rights and Constitutional Constraints
	30	Class 6 Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
February	1	Class 7 Privacy and the Law in Daily Life
	6	Class 8 Torts
	8	Class 9 Civil Procedure
	13	Class 10 The Jury System
	15	Class 11 Contract Law – Introduction and the Need for a Writing
	20	MID-TERM EXAM
	22	Class 12 The Bargain Theory: Consideration
	27	Class 13 The Bargain Theory: Offer
March	1	Class 14 The Bargain Theory: Acceptance
	13	Class 15 The Bargain Theory: Termination of the Power of Acceptance (Option Contracts)
	15	Class 16 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Specific Performance
	20	Class 17 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Expectation Damages
	22	Class 18 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Reliance and Restitution
	27	Class 19 Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract

March	29	Class 20 Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
April	3	Class 21 Third-Party Beneficiaries I
	5	Class 22 Third-Party Beneficiaries II
	10	Class 23 Agency Law I
	12	Class 24 Agency Law II
	17	Class 25 Agency Law III
	19	Review of the course
May	27	(Thursday) 9:00-11:00 AM Final Examination (Location to be announced)