

**U. OF PENNSYLVANIA -- THE WHARTON SCHOOL
INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS
LEGAL STUDIES 101-301 (Honors) -- SPRING 2007
PROFESSOR ROSOFF**

OVERVIEW: This course surveys the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and process, paying attention to how law evolves over time in response to the perceived concerns and needs of society. Roughly half the course will be devoted to a study of contract law, to illustrate how the law develops and works in a practical context.

CLASS MEETS: Tuesday & Thursday, 3:00 – 4:30 PM
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E-MAIL: E-mail will be used for course announcements, distribution of some materials, etc. You should check your e-mail daily; the instructor will generally do likewise. When responding to an email related to the course, take care to reply only to the instructor and not to the entire class!!

MATERIALS: COURSE BULKPACK customized for this course and section, available at Wharton Reprographics only. During the term, supplementary materials will be made available through Reprographics, distributed in class, or posted on the course's webCafe website:
<http://webcafe.wharton.upenn.edu/eRoom/lgst/101-sp07-1>. If you aren't a Wharton student, go to <http://accounts.wharton.upenn.edu> to request a Wharton Computing Account so that you can access the webCafe.

COURSE FORMAT: The course combines lecture, Socratic dialogue, and group discussion in an informal atmosphere. Active class participation is expected.

GRADING:

- Quizzes = 20% [3 (or more) quizzes; the lowest grade will be dropped.]
- Midterm exam = 30%
- Final exam = 40%
- Class Participation = 10% (counts attendance, preparation, and contribution to discussions)

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SYLLABUS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- Jan. 9 Welcome and course overview; discussion of *Sturges v. Bridgman* (King's Bench, 1879), Reading 22 in the Bulkpack, pp. 127-129
- Jan. 11 Introduction to Law
Reading: Law and Language: a Preliminary Note
Bulkpack Tab 1: Readings 1,2 -- pp. 1-14
- Jan. 16 Jurisprudence and Legal Reasoning
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 2: Readings 3,4,5, 6 -- pp. 15-59
- Jan. 18 Property Law: Personal Property
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 3: Readings 7 thru 13 -- pp. 61-90
- Jan. 23 Property Law: Intellectual Property
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 4: Readings 14 thru 20 -- pp. 91-124
- Jan. 25 Property Law: Real Property
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 5: Readings 21 thru 26 -- pp. 125-151
- Jan. 30 **Open**
- Feb. 1 Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 6: Readings 27 thru 32 -- pp. 153-182
- Feb. 6 Privacy in Daily Life
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 7: Readings 33 thru 39 -- pp. 183-208
- Feb. 8 Torts
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 8: Readings 40 thru 42 -- pp. 209-233
- Feb. 13 **Open**
- Feb. 15 Legal Process and Civil Procedure
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 9: Readings 43 thru 47 -- pp.235-264
- Feb. 20 The Jury
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 10: Readings 48 thru 52 -- pp. 265-292
- Feb. 22 **Open; review and discussion of material to date**
- Feb. 27 **MID-TERM EXAM (In-class; all material to date)**

Mar. 1 Intro to Contracts: The Foundation of a Market Economy
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 11: Readings 53 thru 57 -- pp. 293-320

SPRING BREAK (MAR. 2-12)

Mar. 13 Consideration
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 12: Reading 58 -- pp. 321-332

Mar. 15 Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 13: Reading 59 -- pp. 333-349

Mar. 20 Offer and Acceptance (cont.)
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 14: Reading 60 -- pp. 351-364

Mar. 22 Offer and Acceptance (cont.)
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 15: Readings 61, 62 -- pp. 365-376

Mar. 27 Remedies
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 16: Readings 63 thru 65 -- pp. 377-396

Mar. 29 Remedies – Damages
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 17: Readings 66, 67 -- pp. 397-408

Apr. 3 Remedies – Damages under the Uniform Commercial Code
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 18: Readings 68 thru 70 -- pp. 409-416

Apr. 5 Remedies: limitations to Contract Remedies
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 19: Readings 71 thru 73 -- pp. 417-434

Apr. 10 Beyond contract: Promissory Liability outside the Bargain Model, Promissory Estoppel; Unconscionability, Duress & Illegality
Reading: Bulkpack Tab 20: Readings 74 thru 80 -- pp. 435-464

Apr. 12 **Open – to be announced**

Apr. 17 **Open – to be announced**

Apr. 19 **Course wrap-up: Discussion & Review Session**
Reading: Review materials since mid-term

FINAL EXAM Tentatively scheduled (subject to Registrar confirmation) for May 1
(Tuesday) 12:00 – 2:00 PM; location TBA