

LGST 101-004 Syllabus
Fall 2007
INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

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Assigned Reading: You must purchase a photocopied, bound “bulk pack” from Wharton Reprographics on the basement level of Steinberg-Dietrich Hall. Additional handouts may be given out in class during the semester. Please do the assigned reading before class, and please bring the bulk pack to class with you.

Grading: Class preparation, participation and attendance will count 30% of your grade. There will be one midterm exam counting 35% of your grade and a final exam counting 35% of your grade.

TOPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Sept. 5; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

Readings: Bulk Pack #1 and #2

Sept. 10; Class 2: What is International Law?

Reading: #3

Sept 12; Class 3: Legal Reasoning

Reading: #4, #5, #6 and #7

Sept. 17; Class 4: Property: Personal Property

Readings: #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13 and #14

Sept. 19; Class 5: Property: Intellectual Property

Readings: #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20 and #21

Sept. 24; Class 6: Property: Real Property

Readings: #22, #23, #24, #25, #26 and #27

Sept. 26; Class 7: Privacy and the Fourth Amendment

Readings: #28, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33

Oct. 1; Class 8: Privacy in Daily Life

Reading: #34, #35, #36, #37, #38, #39 and #40

Oct. 3; Class 9: Crime

Reading: #41

Oct. 8; Class 10: Intentional Torts

Readings: #42

Oct. 10; Class 11: Negligence

Readings: #43, #44 and #45

Oct. 17 ; Class 12: Legal Process

Reading: #46, #47, #48, #49, #50 and #51

Oct. 22; Class 13: Review

Oct. 24; Class 14: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Oct. 29; Class 15: Contract Law: Introduction and Need For Writing DO NOT SKIP THIS CLASS

Readings: #52, #53, #54, #55 and #56

Oct. 31; Class 16: The Bargain Theory – Consideration

Readings: #57

Nov. 5; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Offer

Readings: #58

Nov. 7; Class 18: The Bargain Theory – Acceptance

Readings: #59

Nov. 12; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance and Option Contracts

Readings: #60 and #61

Nov. 14; Class 20: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: #62, #63 and #64

Nov. 19; Class 21: Remedies for Breach of Contract – Damages

Readings: #65

Nov. 21; Class 22: Film

Readings: to be announced

Nov. 26; Class 23: Remedies Under the UCC

Readings: #66, #67 and #68

Nov. 28; Class 24: Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: #69, #70, #71 and #72

Dec. 3; Class 25: Wrinkles in Contract Law

Readings: #73, 74, #75, #76, #77 and #78

Dec. 5; Class 26: Review Session

Probable FINAL EXAMINATION – Friday, December 14, noon. to 2:00 p.m.
(This is a tentative schedule. Please check official postings at the end of the semester.)