OVERVIEW: This course surveys the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and process, its evolution and the social policy needs of our society. It will introduce several substantive areas of law, with a particular focus on contracts and applications of traditional legal concerns in emerging technology policy contexts.

CLASS MEETS: Tuesday & Thursday, 3:00–4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday, 11:30-12:00 and 4:30–5:00PM, other times by appointment

E-MAIL: E-mail will be used for course announcements. Please check your e-mail daily.

MATERIALS: COURSE BULKPACK customized for this course, available at Wharton Reprographics only. During the term, supplementary materials will be made available through Reprographics, distributed in class, linked off this syllabus or posted on the course’s webCafe website. If you are not a Wharton student, go to http://accounts.wharton.upenn.edu to request a Wharton Computing Account so that you can access the WebCafe. Readings in brackets on this syllabus are recommended.

COURSE FORMAT: The course combines lecture, Socratic dialogue, and group discussion. Active class participation is expected. Excellent class participation, as determined by the professor in her sole discretion, may result in up to five additional points added to your final exam score. (Consequently, your final exam grade may improve by as much as a full letter grade.)

MOBILE PHONE AND INTERNET USAGE POLICY: Please turn off your mobile phone before the start of each class. Internet use is allowed only for pedagogical purposes and only when instructed. Instant messaging is prohibited. Disruption of class may result in lowering of your grade.

GUESTS: Guests are allowed in class solely with advance permission.

GRADING:
• Legal policy paper and bibliography – 40% (The five best papers will be selected for presentation in class).
• Midterm exam – 30%
• Final exam – 30%
9/6  Introduction to the course and the US legal system
   Tab 1: Readings 1,2 – pp. 1-14
   Tab 2: Readings 3,4,5, 6 – pp. 15-21; 53-59
   Tab 3: Reading 9 – pp. 71-73

9/11  Civil and criminal procedure
   Tab 9: Readings 43 thru 47 – pp.235-264
   [Tab 10:  Readings 50 thru 52 – pp. 273-289]

9/13  Criminal law
   Tab 6: Readings 27 thru 32 – pp. 153-182

[9/18 and 9/20 rescheduled as review sessions]

9/25  Torts
   Tab 8:  Readings 40 thru 42 – pp. 207-231

9/27  Torts
   Jennifer Chandler, Security in Cyberspace: Combatting Distributed Denial of Service Attacks

**PAPER TOPIC SIGNUP DUE, NOON

10/2  Property – Personal and Real
   Tab 3: Readings 7-8, 10 – pp. 61-69, 75-82
   Tab 5: Readings 21 thru 24 – pp. 125-135

10/4  Contracts
   Tab 11: Readings 53 thru 57 – pp. 291-318
   [Tab 12: Reading 58 – pp. 319-330]

10/9  Contracts
   Tab 13: Reading 59 – pp. 331-347
   [Tab 14: Reading 60 – pp. 349-362]
   [Tab 15: Readings 61, 62 – pp. 363-374]

10/11  Contracts
   Tab 16: Readings 63 thru 65 – pp. 375-394
   [Tab 17: Readings 66, 67 – pp. 395-406]

10/18  Contracts
   Tab 18: Readings 68 thru 70 – pp. 407-414
   Tab 19: Readings 71 thru 73 – pp. 415-416, 428-431

10/23  Contracts
Tab 20: Readings 74 thru 80 – pp. 435-464
**4:30-6:00PM optional midterm review session

**PRELIMINARY BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE, NOON

10/25  Midterm (in class)

10/30  Intellectual property
Tab 4: Readings 14 thru 20 – pp. 91-122

11/1  Constitutional law
The US Constitution, as amended
http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.overview.html
Tab 5: Readings 25 thru 26 – pp.137-149

11/6  Constitutional law
Tab 7: Readings 33 thru 39 -- pp. 181-206

11/8  Corporate law and securities law

11/13  Environmental law
Jim Chen, Biodiversity and Biotechnology: A Misunderstaood Relationship,

11/15  Technology law
Mark Lemley and Lawrence Lessig, The End of End-to-End: Preserving the
Architecture of the Internet in the Broadband Era

11/20  Technology law
Jane Winn, US and EU Regulatory Competition and Authentication Standards in
Electronic Commerce

**LEGAL POLICY PAPER AND FINAL BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE, NOON

11/27  Data Security law
Andrea Matwyshyn, Interactive Speech (to be distributed)

12/4  Class summation and select paper presentations/discussion

12/6  Final exam review
**4:30-6:00 optional final exam question and answer session