

INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

LEGAL STUDIES 101 - Spring 2008

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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, and will conclude with an introduction to America's place in the legal world order.

CLASS MEETS: Monday and Wednesday 10:30-12:00 AM, JMHH F55

OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Wednesday 3:00-4:00, or send me an email.

MATERIALS: COURSE BULKPACK customized for this course, available at Wharton Reprographics only. I will add occasional additional readings over the course of the semester.

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 my 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.)

GRADING:

- Jury Simulation – 10%
- Group Projects, plus accompanying short papers – 20%
- Midterm exam – 30%
- Final exam – 40%

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- 2 **Introduction to the Legal System**
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- 3 **Speluncean Explorers – The Judge**
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- 4 **Civil Procedure – Litigation**
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 Appendix A: The US Constitution, as amended
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- 17 **Administrative Law**
 Rogers, Healy, & Krotoszynski, Administrative Law 1-15
- 18 **Administrative Law**
 Rogers, Healy, & Krotoszynski, Administrative Law 15-20
- 19 **Administrative Law**
 Funk & Seamon, Administrative Law 2d ed. 2-17
 Gonzales v. Raich, excerpts
- 20 **Corporate law and securities law**
 SEC, <http://www.sec.gov/about/whatwedo.shtml>
- 21 **Jury Simulation Exercise**
- 22 **Intellectual property**
 Tab 4: Readings 14 thru 20 – pp. 91-122

All Papers Accompanying the Group Presentations Are Due One Week Before the First Presentation, April 17 (unless changed).

- 23 **International Law**
 Jackson, Davies, & Sykes, International Economic Regulation 170-199
- 24 **The Law In Action - Group Presentations**
- 25 **The Law In Action – Group Presentations**