LGST 101-004 Syllabus  
Fall 2008  
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**

1. **AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS**

   Sept. 3; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?  
      Readings: Bulk Pack #1 and #2

   Sept. 8; Class 2: Guest Lecturer: Law of Campaign Finance  
      Reading: handout

   Sept. 10; Class 3: What is International Law?  
      Reading: #3

   Sept 15; Class 4: Legal Reasoning  
      Reading: #4, #5 and #6

   Sept. 17; Class 5: Property: Personal Property  
      Readings: #7, #8, #9 and #10

   Sept. 22; Class 6: Property: Intellectual Property  
      Readings: #11, #12, #13, #14 and #15
Sept. 24; Class 7: Property: Real Property
   Readings: #16, #17, #18, #19 and #20

Sept. 29; Class 8: Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
   Readings: #21, #22, #23, #24 and #25

Oct. 1; Class 9: Privacy in Daily Life
   Reading: #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30

Oct. 6; Class 10: Crime
   Reading: #31

Oct. 8; Class 11: Intentional Torts
   Readings: #32

Oct. 15; Class 12: Negligence
   Readings: #33

Oct. 20; Class 13: Legal Process
   Reading: #34, #35, #36 and #37

Oct. 22; Class 14: Review

Oct. 27; Class 15: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Oct. 29; Class 16: Contract Law: Introduction and Need for Writing DO NOT SKIP THIS CLASS
   Readings: #38, #39, #40 and #41

Nov. 3; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Consideration
   Readings: #42

Nov. 5; Class 18: The Bargain Theory – Offer
   Readings: #43

Nov. 10; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Acceptance
   Readings: #44
Nov. 12; Class 20: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance and Option Contracts

Readings: #45 and #46

Nov. 17; Class 21: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: #47, #48 and #49

Nov. 19; Class 22: Remedies for Breach of Contract – Damages

Readings: #50

Nov. 24; Class 23: Remedies Under the UCC

Readings: #51, #52 and #53

Nov. 26; Class 24: Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: #54, #55, #56 and #57

Dec. 1; Class 25: Wrinkles in Contract Law

Readings: #58, #59, #60, #61, #62 and #63

Dec. 3; Class 26: Review Session

Probable FINAL EXAMINATION – Wednesday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (This is a tentative schedule. Please check official postings at the end of the semester.)