

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE WHARTON SCHOOL

LGST 101: LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

Honors Section 301, Fall 2008

Monday/Wednesday 10:30am-12:00pm

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Course Overview: This course is an introduction to law. It will help you understand how legal systems work, how lawyers and judges think, how social values impact the way laws are interpreted, and how legal rules evolve to cover new situations. It is not specific to corporate or business law, although most of the topics covered are relevant to business.

Materials: All readings are contained in a Bulk Pack that you can obtain from Wharton Reprographics, in the basement of Steinberg-Dietrich Hall. Be sure to get the bulkpack for this year and section, as it is slightly different than others. Additional handouts will be provided during the semester. It is important that you do the reading before each class, so that you can participate in the discussion.

Grading: This is an honors section, so it involves a substantial written and oral presentation component. Grading will be based on two research papers (20% each), one formal oral presentation (20%), a final exam (25%), and class participation (15%).

Papers: The papers (5-10 double-spaced pages each) will be based on course subjects and materials, but will ordinarily require some research outside the bulkpack readings.

Oral Presentation: The oral presentation will take the form of a mock trial. Students will be divided into teams, and asked to prepare and present an argument on a pending Supreme Court case. The presentation will last 5-10 minutes, and will be before a "moot court" comprised of 2-3 judges. While written briefs from the case will be provided, students will be expected to do some external research. Upper-level law students will mentor students in the preparation of oral arguments.

Final Exam: The final exam will be held on Friday, December 12, from 12pm to 2pm. It will include short answer and "issue spotter" essay questions focused primarily on the formal legal rules covered in the class.

Class Participation: Class participation is taken seriously, and is not the same as attendance. You will be evaluated based on the quality of your participation and the extent to which it demonstrates preparation for the course. Completion of ungraded in-class assignments will also be counted towards class participation.

Webcafé and Listserv I will distribute lecture slides and other materials on the course Webcafé site: <<https://webcafe.wharton.upenn.edu/eRoom/lgst/101-fa08-1>>. If you are not a Wharton student, you first need to sign up for a computer account at <<http://accounts.wharton.upenn.edu/>>. The course also has an email listserv at <lgst101-301-08c@lists.upenn.edu>. I will use this occasionally for announcements. Please do not send messages to the list without asking me first.

FALL 2008 LGST 101 SYLLABUS

SCHEDULE

<i>September 3</i>	<u>Class 1.</u> Course Introduction
<i>September 8</i>	<u>Class 2.</u> Jurisprudence: What is Law?
<i>September 10</i>	<u>Class 3.</u> Personal Property
<i>September 15</i>	<u>Class 4.</u> Intellectual Property
<i>September 17</i>	<u>Class 5.</u> Intellectual “Property”?
<i>September 22</i>	<u>Class 6.</u> Real Property
<i>September 24</i>	<u>Class 7.</u> Litigation and the Legal Process
<i>September 29</i>	<u>Class 8.</u> Constitutional Law
<i>October 1</i>	<u>Class 9.</u> Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
<i>October 6</i>	<u>Class 10.</u> Privacy in the Modern World
<i>October 8</i>	<u>Class 11.</u> Torts
<i>October 13</i>	NO CLASS (Fall Break)
<i>October 15</i>	Guest lecture Paper #1 due
<i>October 20</i>	<u>Class 12.</u> Contracts – Introduction
<i>October 22</i>	<u>Class 13.</u> Contracts – Consideration
<i>October 27</i>	<u>Class 14.</u> Contracts – Offer
<i>October 29</i>	<u>Class 15.</u> Contracts – Acceptance
<i>November 3</i>	<u>Class 16.</u> Contracts – Revocation
<i>November 5</i>	<u>Class 17.</u> Contracts – Remedies
<i>November 10</i>	<u>Class 18.</u> Contracts – Monetary Damages
<i>November 12</i>	<u>Class 19.</u> Contracts – Promissory Liability Paper #2 due
<i>November 17</i>	<u>Class 20.</u> Contracts – Case Study
<i>November 19</i>	<u>Class 21.</u> Moot Court Introduction
<i>November 24</i>	<u>Class 22.</u> Electronic Commerce
<i>November 26</i>	MOOT COURT PREPARATION
<i>December 1</i>	<u>Class 23.</u> Current issues Moot Court oral arguments – tentatively December 1-2
<i>December 3</i>	<u>Class 24.</u> Course Review and Wrap-Up