

INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS
LEGAL STUDIES 101 - Spring 2009
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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, SHDH 109

OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Wednesday 1:30-2:30, or send me an email. I'm happy to meet on most other days of the week.

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%

- 1 **Vehicles in the Park**
- 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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- 5 **Civil Procedure – The Jury**
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- 6 **Property – Personal and Real**
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- 7 **Contracts**
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- 8 **Contracts**
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- 9 **Contracts**
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- 10 **Contracts**
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- 11 **Contracts**
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- 12 **Contracts**
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- 13 **In Class Midterm**

- 14 **Torts**
315-339
- 15 **Constitutional law**
Appendix A: The US Constitution, as amended
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- 16 **Constitutional law**
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- 17 **Administrative Law**
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- 18 **Administrative Law**
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- 19 **Administrative Law**
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- 20 **Corporate law and securities law**
441-464
- 21 **Jury Simulation Exercise**
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- 22 **Intellectual property**
465-498

All Papers Accompanying the Group Presentations Are Due One Week Before the First Presentation,

- 23 **International Law**
499-end
- 24 & 25 **The Law In Action - Group Presentations**