

**LGST 101-002 Syllabus**  
**Fall 2009**  
**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**

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Sept. 9; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

Readings: Bulk Pack #1 and #2

Sept. 14; Class 2: Guest Lecturer: Law of Campaign Finance

Reading: handout

Sept. 16; Class 3: What is International Law?

Reading: #3

Sept 21; Class 4: Legal Reasoning

Reading: #4, #5 and #6

Sept. 23; Class 5: Property: Personal Property

Readings: #7, #8, #9 and #10

Sept. 28; Class 6: Property: Intellectual Property

Readings: #11, #12, #13, #14 and #15

Sept. 30; Class 7: Property: Real Property

Readings: #16, #17, #18, #19 and #20

Oct. 5; Class 8: Privacy and the Fourth Amendment

Readings: #21, #22, #23, #24 and #25

Oct. 7; Class 9: Privacy in Daily Life

Reading: #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30

Oct. 12; Class 10: Crime

Reading: #31

Oct. 14; Class 11: Intentional Torts

Readings: #32

Oct. 21; Class 12: Negligence

Readings: #33

Oct. 26; Class 13: Legal Process

Reading: #34, #35, #36 and #37

Oct. 28; Class 14: Review

Nov. 2; Class 15: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

## II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Nov. 4; Class 16: Contract Law: Introduction and Need for Writing

Readings: #38, #39, #40 and #41

Nov. 9; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Consideration

Readings: #42

Nov. 11; Class 18: The Bargain Theory – Offer

Readings: #43

Nov. 16; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Acceptance

Readings: #44

Nov. 18; Class 20: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance and Option Contracts

Readings: #45 and #46

Nov. 23; Class 21: Remedies for Breach of Contract

Readings: #47, #48 and #49

Nov. 25; Class 22: Remedies for Breach of Contract – Damages

Readings: #50

Nov. 30; Class 23: Remedies Under the UCC

Readings: #51, #52 and #53

Dec. 2; Class 24: Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract

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

Dec. 7; Class 25: Wrinkles in Contract Law

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

Dec. 9; Class 26: Review Session

Probable FINAL EXAMINATION –

(This is a tentative schedule. Please check official postings at the end of the semester.)