

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE WHARTON SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES & BUSINESS ETHICS**

LEGAL STUDIES 101-001

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This course is an introduction to law and the legal process. 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. The first part of the course surveys the ways judges think about the law using a variety of topics across the landscape of the law. The second part of the course focuses in depth on contract law so you can understand how the legal doctrine develops in a specific area that is critical to business. The final classes treat a subject that will be selected by your instructor based on the instructor's special expertise and interests.

The readings are contained in a Bulk Pack you can obtain from Wharton Reprographics. The reading materials for this course have recently been extensively revised; therefore the purchase of used copies of bulk-packs from previous semesters is not recommended!

There will be one outside speaker scheduled at a time and place to be announced. Attendance is mandatory and a question related to this speaker will be on the final exam.

Grading will be based on a mid-term and a final exam.

CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

January	13	Class 1 Course Introduction
	20	Class 2 Jurisprudence: How Do Judges Decide Cases?
	25	Class 3 The Law of Personal Property: What is Possession?
	27	Class 4 Intellectual Property: Music Industry v. Napster
February	1	Class 5 Real Property: Rights and Constitutional Constraints
	3	Class 6 Privacy and the Fourth Amendment

	8	Class 7 Privacy and the Law in Daily Life
	10	Class 8 Torts
	15	Class 9 Civil Procedure
	17	Class 10 The Jury System
	22	MID-TERM EXAM
	24	Class 11 Contract Law – Introduction and the Need for a Writing
March	1	Class 12 The Bargain Theory: Consideration
	3	Class 13 The Bargain Theory: Offer
	15	Class 14 The Bargain Theory: Acceptance
	17	Class 15 The Bargain Theory: Termination of the Power of Acceptance (Option Contracts)
	22	Class 16 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Specific Performance
	24	Class 17 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Expectation Damages
	29	Class 18 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Reliance and Restitution
	31	Class 19 Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract
April	5	Class 20 Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
	7	Class 21 Third-Party Beneficiaries I
	12	Class 22 Third-Party Beneficiaries II
	14	Class 23 Third-Party Beneficiaries III
	19	Class 24 Agency Law I
	21	Class 25 Agency Law II
	26	Class 26 Agency Law III
May	5	(Wednesday) 12:00-2:00 PM Final Examination (Location to be announced)