

INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS
LEGAL STUDIES 101 - Fall 2010
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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: Tuesday-Thursday 10:30-11:50 JMHH F70

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 1:30-4:00, or send me an email (and it's not a bad idea to send me an email if you're thinking of coming by regardless – I'm open for business Tuesday afternoon, but capable of drifting off to a vending machine). I'm happy to meet on most other days of the week.

MATERIALS: COURSE BULKPACK customized for this course, available on STUDY.NET. 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/Deal Workshop – 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**
 1-32
- 3 **Speluncean Explorers – The Judge**
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- 4 **Civil Procedure – Litigation**
 77-96
- 5 **Civil Procedure – The Jury**
 97-100, 101-134
- 6 **Property – Personal and Real**
 135-180
- 7 **Contracts: Introduction**
 181-218
- 8 **Contracts: Consideration and the Offer**
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- 9 **Contracts: Acceptance**
 253-284
- 10 **Contracts: Remedies I**
 285-326
- 11 **Contracts: Remedies II**
 327-340
- 12 **Contracts: Remedies III**
 341-416
- 13 **In Class Midterm**

- 14 **Torts**
417-448
- 15 **Constitutional Law**
Appendix A: The US Constitution, as amended
449-466
- 16 **Constitutional Law: A Case Study In Privacy**
467-506
- 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**
575-600
- 21 **Jury Simulation Exercise**
101-110
- 22 **Intellectual property**
601-640

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

- 23 **International Law**
641-676
- 24 & 25 **The Law In Action - Group Presentations**