Readings: The assigned readings for this course will include the materials at Study.net. Supplemental materials will be posted on Canvas as we go along; I will notify you by email if a reading has been added. Materials available on Canvas rather than in the coursepack are indicated on the syllabus with a (CV).

Grading: The midterm exam (currently scheduled for February 29, the last class before Spring break) will be 30% and the final exam will be 50% of your grade. The remaining 20% will be based on your class attendance and participation and your performance on (mostly unannounced) quizzes. Quizzes will be given regularly throughout the semester so that missing a couple will not meaningfully affect your grade, but there will be no makeups.

Evening activities: There will be all-LGST 101 activities held on the evenings of February 16 and March 1 at 7 PM.

Office hours: I will be available Thursday afternoon from 2:45-3:45 in the Legal Studies offices if you tell me by the day before that you would like to meet. I also answer emails and will schedule phone calls, and timing for those communications is very flexible. Also, I am planning to try something new this term: holding office hours over Canvas chat.

Some classes will be led by guest speakers. Those classes may be taught out of order to accommodate the guests’ schedules.

I. Sources and Functions of Law
   Law and Language: A Preliminary Note
   Introduction to Law
   Constitutional Law

II. Jurisprudence and Legal Reasoning
   There Are No Secret Books
   An Introductory Note on Jurisprudence
   The Case of the Speluncean Explorers

III. Civil Litigation and Evidence
   a. Standing
      Reading Legal Cases in Legal Studies 101
      Sierra Club v. Morton
      Standing on its Head
   b. Jurisdiction
      Summary (W)
   c. The Litigation Process
Your Day in Court – The Litigation Process
Sue first, Ask Questions Later
The Court System
Sample Pleadings (review so you can see the format) (CV)

d. Discovery and Evidence
   Sample interrogatories and document requests (review so you can see the format)
   
   *The Invisible Gorilla* (excerpts)

IV. Torts
a. Introduction
   Negligence and Strict Liability (up to but not including the cases)

b. Intentional Torts
   *Courvoisier v. Raymond*

c. Negligence
   *Eckert v. LIRR*
   *US v. Carroll Towing*
   *TJ Hooper* (both cases)

d. Comparative Fault
   *Li v. Yellow Cab*

e. Assumption of risk: Guest speaker
   *Murphy v. Steeplechase Amusement Co.*
   *Dukat v. Leiserv*
   *Knight v. Jewett*

f. Causation, proximate cause and duty: Guest speaker
   *Summers v. Tice*
   *Palsgraf v. LIRR*

g. Strict Liability: Products
   *Escola v. Coca-Cola Bottling Co.*
   *Potter v. Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.*

h. Affirmative duties
   *Soldano v. O’Daniels*
   *Eric M.*
   *Tarasoff v. Board of Regents*

i. Remedies
   *O’Shea v. Riverway Towing Co.*
V. Property

A. Personal Property
   You are What You Own: The Law of Property
   Popov v. Hayashi
   Swift v. Gifford
   Keron v. Cashman

B. Real Property
   a. Nuisance
      Sturges v. Bridgman
      Spur Industries, Inc. v. Del E. Webb
   b. Takings
      Penn Central v. New York
      Kelo v. City of New London

C. Intellectual Property
   Four Kinds of Intellectual Property
   a. Copyright
      MGM v. Grokster
      The Mouse that Ate the Public Domain
      How Copyright Broke
      Ruling on Rap Song
   b. Trade Secret and Trademark
      E.I. DuPont deNemours & Co. v. Christopher
      Charity Brawl
      Hormel Foods Corp. v. Jim Henson Prods.
   c. Patent Law: Guest Speaker
      Patent Law Readings (CV)

VI. Criminal Law: Guest speaker

VII. Contracts
   a. Introduction
      Contracts: The Foundation of a Market Economy
      Introduction to Contracts
      Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
   b. Remedies
      Remedies, from Contracts in a Nutshell
McAllister v. Patton
Equitable Remedies (Read only Posner article and Lumley)
Remedies
  Hawkins v. McGee
  Peevyhouse v. Garland Coal
  Sullivan v. O’Connor
  Anglia TV v. Reed

c. Limitations on Contract Remedies
  A Note on Limitations to Contract Remedies
  Ericson v. Playgirl
  Freund v. Washington Square Press
  Hadley v. Baxendale
  Parker v. Twentieth Century Fox

d. Consideration
  Consideration – The Basic Concept
  Mills v. Wyman
  Webb v. McGowin

e. Offer and Acceptance
  Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance (Skip Leeds and Continental Labs; delay Stepp v. Freeman until section g.)
  Acceptance (Skip International Filter and Gadsen Times)

f. Contract Interpretation
  Frigaliment Importing Co. v. BNS International Sales Co.
  Panera Bread v. Qdoba
  Raffles v. Wichelhaus

g. Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
  Stepp v. Freeman
  A Note on Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
  Gorham v. Benson Optical
  Hoffman v. Red Owl Stores
  Drennan v. Star Paving
  Wood v. Lucy, Lady Duff-Gordon

h. Contract Limitations and Defenses
  A Note on Unconscionability, Duress and Illegality
  Sherwood v. Walker
  Austin Instruments v. Loral Group
  Williams v. Walker-Thomas
  Baby M (intro)
  Krell v. Henry
  Taylor v. Caldwell