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 online from study.net. 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.

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