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THE WHARTON SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES & BUSINESS ETHICS

LEGAL STUDIES 101-007

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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 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.

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

CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

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

September	27	Class 7 Privacy and the Law in Daily Life
	2	Class 8 Torts
	4	Class 9 Civil Procedure
	9	Class 10 The Jury System
	11	MID-TERM EXAM
	16	Class 11 Contract Law – Introduction and the Need for a Writing
	18	Class 12 The Bargain Theory: Consideration
	25	Class 13 The Bargain Theory: Offer
	30	Class 14 The Bargain Theory: Acceptance
November	1	Class 15 The Bargain Theory: Termination of the Power of Acceptance (Option Contracts)
	6	Class 16 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Specific Performance
	8	Class 17 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Expectation Damages
	13	Class 18 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Reliance and Restitution
	15	Class 19 Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract
	20	Class 20 Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
	27	Class 21 Third-Party Beneficiaries I
	29	Class 24 Agency Law I
December	4	Class 25 Agency Law II
	6	Class 26 Agency Law III
December	19	(Wednesday) 12:00-2:00 PM Final Examination (Location to be announced)