LGST 101-910  
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INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS

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Assigned Reading: You must obtain a course pack through study.net/Wharton Reprographics. It is absolutely essential that you do the assigned reading before class. Please bring the bulk pack to class with you. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor – in the event of a change you will be notified in class.

Discussion: This course will be conducted as a seminar. As such, you will be expected to contribute significantly to our discussion. After the first class, you will be assigned one or two units of discussion (each unit will consist of around 1.5 hours) based on a set of readings for class. For instance, one unit will consist of leading the discussion on Reading 17 (“Criminal Law”). For each unit that you are assigned, you must (1) walk the class through the reading materials to cover the essential points, and (2) lead the class through a discussion based on a set of questions that you will prepare beforehand. You must prepare at least 5 discussion questions, which you must email to me by 9am on the day of class.

Grading: Class preparation, participation and attendance will count a total of 50% of your grade. 15% will be based on your performance in preparing for and leading the class discussions for which you are assigned. 35% will be based on your performance in class when you are not leading a discussion, including attendance (on time), evidence of preparation, and thoughtful contribution to the class discussion. There will be one midterm exam counting 20% of your grade and a final exam counting 30% of your grade.
TOPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

May 26; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

Readings: 1. Introduction to Law
2. There are No Secret Books
3. An Introductory Note on Jurisprudence
4. The Case of the Speluncean Explorers

June 3; Class 2: Legal Process, & Constitutional Law

Readings: 5. The Court System
6. Your Day in Court – The Litigation Process
7. Sue First, Ask Questions Later
8. Constitutional Law

June 5; Class 3: Property

Readings: 9. You are What You Own
10. Popov v. Hayashi
11. Swift v. Gifford
12. Keron v. Cashman
13. Sturges v. Bridgman
15. Nome 2000 v. Fagerstrom
16. Four Kinds of Intellectual Property in the United States

June 8; Class 4: Crime & Intentional Torts

Readings: 17. Criminal Law
18. Intentional Torts

June 10; Class 5: Negligence and Protecting Entitlements

Readings: 19. Negligence and Strict Liability
20. Protecting Entitlements

June 15; Class 6: MIDTERM and Introduction to Contracts

Readings: 21. Introduction to Contracts
22. Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
23. Contracts in Writing
24. Iacono v. Lyons
June 17; Class 7: Contracts – Consideration & Offer

Readings: 25. Consideration – The Basic Concept
            26. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

June 22; Class 8: Contracts – Acceptance & Termination

Readings: 27. Acceptance
            28. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
            29. Lyon v. Adgraphic

June 24; Class 9: Contracts – Remedies

Readings: 30. Remedies (From Contracts in a Nutshell)
            31. McAllister v. Patton
            32. Equitable Remedies
            33. Remedies

June 29; Class 10: Contracts – Other Wrinkles

Readings: 34. A Note on Limitations to Contract Remedies
            35. Ericson v. Playgirl
            37. Parker v. Twentieth Century Fox
            38. A Note on Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
            40. Hoffman v. Red Owl Stores
            41. Drennan v. Star Paving
            42. A Note on Unconsionability, Duress and Illegality
            43. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

July 1; Class 11: FINAL