

LGST 101-910
Summer 2015
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
 14. Borton v. Forest Hills Country Club
 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
36. Fruend v. Washington Square Press
37. Parker v. Twentieth Century Fox
38. A Note on Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model
39. Gorham v. Benson Optical
40. Hoffman v. Red Owl Stores
41. Drennan v. Star Paving
42. A Note on Unconscionability, Duress and Illegality
43. Austin Instruments v. Loral Group

July 1; Class 11: FINAL