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LEGAL STUDIES 101-006

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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 readings are contained in a Course Pack (CP) 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!

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

CLASS TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

August	26	Class 1 Course Introduction CP: 1
	31	Class 2 Jurisprudence: How Do Judges Decide Cases? CP: 2-6
September	2	Class 3 Jurisprudence: How Do Judges Decide Cases? CP: 2-6, Continued
	9	Class 4 The Law of Personal Property: What is Possession? CP: 7-13
	14	Class 5 Intellectual Property CP: 14-20
	16	Class 6 Real Property: Rights and Constitutional Constraints CP: 21-26

September	21	Class 7 Privacy and the Fourth Amendment CP: 27-32
	23	Class 8 Privacy and the Law in Daily Life CP: 33-39
	28	Class 9 Torts CP: 40-42
	30	Class 10 Civil Procedure CP: 43-47
October	5	Class 11 The Jury System CP: 48-52
	7	MID-TERM EXAM
	12	Class 12 Contract Law – Introduction and the Need for a Writing CP: 53-57
	14	Class 13 The Bargain Theory: Consideration CP: 58
	19	Class 14 The Bargain Theory: Offer CP: 59
	21	Class 15 The Bargain Theory: Acceptance CP: 60
	26	Class 16 The Bargain Theory: Termination of the Power of Acceptance (Option Contracts) CP: 61-62
	28	Class 17 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Specific Performance CP: 63-65
November	2	Class 18 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Expectation Damages CP: 66-67
	4	Class 19 Remedies for Breach of Contract: Reliance and Restitution CP: 68-71
	9	Class 20 Limitations on Remedies for Breach of Contract CP: 72-75
	11	Class 21 Promissory Liability Outside the Bargain Model CP: 76-79
	16	Class 22 Third-Party Beneficiaries I CP: 80

November	18	Class 23 Third-Party Beneficiaries II CP: 80
	23	Class 24 Agency Law I CP: 81
	30	Class 25 Agency Law II CP: 81
December	2	Class 26 Agency Law III CP: 81
	7	Review of Course
	15	(Tuesday) 12 Noon - 2 PM Final Examination (Location to be announced)