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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES AND BUSINESS ETHICS
LGST 101 SYLLABUS – 2016A
INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL STUDIES

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ASSIGNED READINGS: The readings consist of a “bulk pack.” I supplement these readings with handouts that I send by e-mail to the students.

OFFICE HOURS: By appointment.

GRADING:

Classwork	-	10% (attendance is mandatory; a student’s grade goes down, by one half grade, each time the student misses a class – with the first “missed class” not counting) ¹
Quiz	-	10% (given in the third or fourth week of classes)
Midterm	-	30% (given in the seventh week of classes)
Final	-	50%

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Introduction
Readings: Law and Language: A Preliminary Note (9-14); Introduction to Law (18-26); There are No Secret Books (33-40).

¹ Examples:

- Student gets an average of an A- on the quiz, midterm and final. Student has one class absence. Final grade: A-.
- Student gets an average of an A- on the quiz, midterm and final. Student has two class absences. Final grade: B+.
- Student gets an average of an A- on the quiz, midterm and final. Student has three class absences. Final grade: B.

- Property Law: Personal Property
Readings: Property Law – Personal Property (51-66); Reading Legal Cases in Legal Studies 101 (67-72); Popov v. Hayashi (73-82); Swift v. Gifford (83-87); Keron v. Cashman (89-92).
- Property Law: Real Property
Readings: Real Property (149-152); Sturges v. Bridgman (153-157); Borton v. Forest Hills Country Club (159-162); Nome v. Fagerstrom (161-167); The Takings Clause, including Penn Central Transportation Company v. City of New York (171 to 181); Problems (225-227).
- Legal Process and Civil Procedure
Readings: Legal Process and Civil Procedure (185 to 187); Everything You Need to Know about the American Legal System (188-193); The Court System (194-195); Jurisdiction (196-204); Legal Process (206-222).
- Torts
Readings: Torts (297-298); Negligence (299-308); Negligence and Strict Liability (309-317); Petition of Kinsman Transit Co. (319-323); Soldano v. O’Daniels (325-326); Love v. Hardee’s Food Systems, Inc. (327-328); Palsgraf v. Long Island Railroad Co. (329-330); Dukat v. Leiserv, Inc. (330-332); Negligence (333-335).
- Criminal Procedure: Privacy and the Fourth Amendment
Readings: Privacy and the Fourth Amendment (231); Search and Seizure (232-234); When Can the Police Conduct a Search and Seizure (236-239); Dow Chemical Co. v. United States (241-249); Kyllo v. United States (251-257); Bond v. United States (259-264); Criminal Procedure Hypotheticals (265-266).
- Criminal Procedure: Privacy in Daily Life
Readings: Privacy in Daily Life (269); Washington v. Chrisman (271-279); Smythe v. Pillsbury Co. (281-284); McLain v. Boise Cascade Corp. (285-289); Reno v. Condon (291-296).
- The Jury
Readings: 337-374.
- Contracts: Introduction and Need for Writing
Readings: Contracts: The Foundation of a Market Economy (379-381); Introduction to Contracts (383-390); Contracts in Writing (391-399); Iacono v. Lyons (401-404); Shane Quadri v. Goodyear Service Stores (405-406); Stuart Studio, Inc. v. National School of Heavy Equipment, Inc. (406-407); Price v. Mercury

Supply Co. (408-410); Thompson Printing Machinery Co. v. B.F. Goodrich Co. (412-413); Problem Nos. 1-7, 11, 12 & 14 (415-417); UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (“UCC”) § 2-201.

- Contracts: Consideration
Readings: The Basic Concept (423-434 [but do not read beyond Problem No. 53]); Angel v. Murray (437-441); RESTATEMENT (SECOND) CONTRACTS §§ 71 & 89; UCC § 2-209(1).
- Contracts: Offer
Readings: Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance (443-468); UCC §§ 2-204, and 2-305 through 2-311; RESTATEMENT (SECOND) CONTRACTS §§ 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 & 32.
- Contracts: Acceptance
Readings: Acceptance (469-482); UCC § 2-206; RESTATEMENT (SECOND) CONTRACTS §§ 53, 54, 62, 63, 64 & 69.
- Contracts: Termination of the Power of Acceptance
Readings: Termination of the Power of Acceptance (483-493); Lyon v. Adgraphics, Inc. (497-498); UCC § 2-205; RESTATEMENT (SECOND) CONTRACTS §§ 36-43.
- Contracts: Remedies – Equity
Readings: Contracts in a Nutshell (501-508); Equitable Remedies (509-520); McCallister v. Patton (521-525).
- Contracts: Remedies – Damages
Readings: Remedies (527-540); RESTATEMENT (SECOND) CONTRACTS §§ 347-349 & 370-374.
- Contracts: Remedies – Uniform Commercial Code
Readings: Damages Under the Uniform Commercial Code (541-544); Laredo Hides Co. v. H&H Meat Products Co. (545-548); Seller’s Damages (549-554); UCC §§ 2-711 through 2-715; UCC §§ 2-703/706/708/710).
- Contracts: Remedies – Limitations to Contract Remedies
Readings: A Note on Limitations to Contract Remedies (555-558); Ericson v. Playgirl, Inc. (559-565); Freund v. Washington Square Press (567-570); Hadley v. Baxendale and following problems (571-573); Parker v. Twentieth Century-Fox Corp. and problem 10 (575-582); UCC §§ 2-715 & 2-719; RESTATEMENT (SECOND) CONTRACTS §§ 350-352.