



DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES AND BUSINESS ETHICS
LGST 101: INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL PROCESS
Spring 2016

LGST 101-301

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TR 10:30am – 11:50pm

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Office Hours: By appointment. Please contact me via email (gwgordon@wharton.upenn.edu) to set up a meeting time.

TEXT AND READINGS

Most cases and materials will be available via Study.net (SN); occasionally, readings will be posted and distributed on Canvas (CN).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Cases:** examinations and assignments will require reference to and analysis of all assigned cases, statutes, and other assigned materials whether or not discussed during class.
- **Case Briefs:** All assigned cases should be briefed in preparation for class.
- **Examinations:** I will administer graded in-class exercises, a mid-term examination (open book and open notes), and a final examination (open book and open notes).

GRADING

Final grades, consisting of in-class contribution/participation (10%), a mid-term examination (40%), and a final examination (50%), will be adjusted to conform to an acceptable distribution.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Class will start and end on time.
- I will enter your name into a seating chart at the start of the second week of class.
- Computers, tablets, and other electronic devices may not be used in class. Yes, really.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Class 01- 01/14 - Course Introduction [SN **documents** 1-3/CP **pages** 9-34]
- Class 02 - 01/19 - Introduction to Property Law [SN 4/CP 35-44]
- Class 03 - 01/21 - Introduction to Constitutional Law [SN 5/ CP 45-50]

- Class 04 - 01/26 - Introduction to Tort law [SN 6/CP 51-56]
- Class 05 - 01/28 - Introduction to Contract Law [SN 7-9/CP 57-84]
- Class 06 - 02/02 - Introduction to the Legal System [SN 10-13/CP 85-122]
- Class 07 - 02/04 - Jurisprudence and Legal Reasoning [SN 14-17/CP 123-178]
- Class 08 - 02/09 - Property Law: possession and ownership [SN 18-20/CP 179-198]
- Class 09 - 02/11 - Property Law: personal property; real property [SN 21-25/CP 199-224]
- Class 10 - 02/16 - Property Law: intellectual property [SN 26-31/CP 225-270]
- Class 11 - 02/18 - Constitutional Law: privacy and the fourth amendment [SN 32-38/CP 271-328]
- Class 12 - 02/23 - Constitutional Law: privacy in daily life [SN 37-41/CP 329-358]
- Class 13 - 02/25 - Criminal Law I [Readings will be posted to Canvas]
- Class 14 - 03/01 - Criminal Law II [Readings will be posted to Canvas]
- **03/03 Mid-term examination**

[Spring Break 03/05 – 03/13]

- Class 15 - 03/15 - Tort law: intentional torts; negligence; strict liability [SN 42-43/CP 359-374 and readings posted on Canvas]
- Class 16 - 03/17 - Tort law: products liability [Readings will be posted on Canvas]
- Class 17 - 03/22 - Contracts: consideration [SN 44-46/CP 375-400]
- Class 18 - 03/24 - Contracts: offer [SN 47/CP 401-420 and readings posted on Canvas]
- Class 19 - 03/29 - Contracts: acceptance I [SN 48/CP 421-436 and readings posted on Canvas]
- Class 20 - 03/31 - Contracts: acceptance II; options [SN 49-50/CP 437-454]
- Class 21 - 04/05 - Contracts: promissory liability [SN 51-55/CP 455-484]
- Class 22 - 04/07 - Contracts: remedies (specific performance, expectation damages) [SN 56-58/CP 485-512]
- Class 23 - 04/12 - Contracts: remedies (reliance and restitution) [SN 59-63/CP 513-538]
- Class 24 - 04/14 - Contracts: limitations on remedies [SN 64-70/CP 539-637]
- Class 25 - 04/19 - Law and Society [Readings posted to Canvas]
- Class 26 - 04/21 - Law and Society [Readings posted to Canvas]
- Class 27 - 04/26 - Review

Final Examination (Tentative):

- 05/04 12:00pm-1:50pm