

LGST 101-301
Fall 2016
INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS
honors section

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Assigned Reading: You must obtain a course pack through study.net/Wharton Reprographics. Please do the assigned reading before class, and please bring the bulk pack to class with you. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Grading: Class preparation, participation and attendance will count 30% of your grade. Class participation includes attending class, *on time*. Class participation also includes evidence of preparation, and thoughtful contribution to the class discussion. A class presentation and the accompanying short paper will count for 30% of your grade. There will be one midterm exam counting 20% of your grade and a final exam counting 20% of your grade.

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YOU HAVE THE CURRENT SYLLABUS.**

TOPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Aug. 31; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

- Readings: 1. Introduction to Law
 2. There are No Secret Books

Sept. 7; Class 2: What is International Law?

- Readings: 3. Sources of International Law
 4. Is There International Law?

Sept. 12; Class 3: Legal Reasoning

- Readings: 5. An Introductory Note on Jurisprudence
 6. The Case of the Speluncean Explorer

II. AREAS OF LAW

Sept 14; Class 4: Property: Personal Property

- Readings: 7. You are What You Own
 8. Popov v. Hayashi
 9. Swift v. Gifford

Sept. 19; Class 5: Property: Intellectual Property

- Readings:
- 10. Four Kinds of Intellectual Property in the United States
 - 11. DuPont deNemours v. Christopher
 - 12. Alice Corp. v. CLS Banking International

Sept. 21; Class 6: Property: Does Property Constrain Growth and Innovation

- Readings:
- 13. Free Culture
 - 14. The Strategist's Dream

Sept. 26; Class 7: Constitution: And Constitutionalism

- Readings:
- 15. Constitutional Law
 - 16. Constitutionalism

Sept. 28; Class 8: Privacy: And the Fourth Amendment

- Readings:
- 17. When Can the Police Conduct a Search and Seizure?
 - 18. Dow Chemical v. United States
 - 19. Kyllo v. United States

Oct. 3; Class 9: Privacy: In the Current World

- Readings:
- 20. Privacy and the Patriot Act
 - 21. Privacy and Data

Oct. 5; Class 10: Crime: Duties to the State

- Reading:
- 22. Criminal Law

Oct. 10; Class 11: Tort: Duties to One Another

- Readings:
- 23. Intentional Torts
 - 23. Negligence and Strict Liability

Oct. 12; Class 12: Duties: Enforcement

- Readings:
- 24. Legal Myths: The McDonalds Hot Coffee Case
 - 25. Death Penalty Worldwide

Oct. 17; Class 13: Enforcement

- Reading:
- 26. Sue First, Ask Questions Later
 - 27. The Adversarial System

Oct. 19; Class 14: Review

- Readings: everything so far

Oct. 24; Class 15: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

II. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY RELATIONSHIPS

Oct. 26; Class 16: Contract: What is a Contract

- Readings: 28. Introduction to Contracts
 29. Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
 30. Contracts in Writing

Oct. 31; Class 17: The Bargain Theory – Consideration

- Reading: 31. Consideration – The Basic Concept

Nov. 2; Class 18: The Bargain Theory – Offer

- Reading: 32. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

Nov. 7; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance

- Readings: 33. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
 34. Lyon v. Adgraphic

Nov. 9; Class 20: The Bargain Theory – Remedies

- Readings: 35. Remedies
 36. A Note on Limitations to Remedies
 37. Hawkins v. McGee
 38. Ericson v. Playgirl

Nov. 14; Class 21: Contract: Unconscionability and Good Faith

- Readings: 39. A Note on Unconscionability
 40. Walker v. Thompson Furniture
 41. Bhasin v. Hyrnew

Nov. 16; Class 22: Agency

- Readings: 42. The Fiduciary Relationship: A Legal Perspective
 43. The Uses and Abuses of Agency Theory

Nov. 21; Class 23: Business Forms

- Readings: 44. The Three Basic Business Forms
 45. Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission

Nov. 28; Class 24: Insider Trading

- Readings: 46. The Conceptual Problems with the Law of Insider and Outsider
 Trading
 47. Hedge Fund Billionaire Is Guilty of Insider Trading: A Circle of
 Tipsters Who Shared Illicit Secrets

Nov. 30; Class 25: B Corporations and Shareholder Primacy

Readings: 48. The B Corporation
49. Two Extreme Views

Dec. 5; Class 26: class presentations

Dec. 7; Class 27: class presentations

Dec. 12; Class 28: Review Session

Readings: everything

The examination schedule posted by the Registrar currently states that the final examination for this course will be held on Thursday December 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please continue to check the final examination schedule for the correct time and date.