

**LAW AND SOCIAL VALUES**  
**LEGAL STUDIES 101 - Fall 2018**  
**Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania**  
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**OVERVIEW:** This course surveys the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and process, its evolution and the social policy needs of our society. It will introduce several substantive areas of law, with a particular focus on contracts and applications of traditional legal concerns in emerging technology policy contexts, and will conclude with an introduction to America's place in the legal world order.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT:** Emily Jiang, [jiangem@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:jiangem@wharton.upenn.edu)

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday 1:30-3:00, or send me an email (and it's not a bad idea to send me an email if you're thinking of coming by regardless – I'm open for business Tuesday afternoon, but capable of drifting off to the coffee machine). I'm happy to meet on most other days of the week.

**MATERIALS:** A set of readings customized for this course, available on Canvas. I may add occasional additional readings over the course of the semester.

**SCHEDULE:** We have approximately 28 classes, and, as you can see, 25 topics to cover, plus some presentations by you. We may adjust the schedule as the semester continues. Nonetheless, you should plan to read the next assignment for the next class, even if we haven't exhausted all discussion of the current one.

**NO DEVICE POLICY:** The use of laptop computers, cellular/smart phones, text messaging devices, or other such digital devices is not permitted during class. Any lecture slides I use will be placed on Canvas.

**COURSE FORMAT:** The course combines lecture, Socratic dialogue, and group discussion. Active class participation is expected. Excellent class participation, as determined by my sole discretion, counts as 10% of your final grade

**GROUP PROJECTS:** Later in the semester, I will put you in groups to draft comments on a current government policy, after which you will file the comments with the government agency. You will also present the comments, and the context for them to the class at the end of the semester. You can find some guidance on effective comment writing here: <http://eli-ocean.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/2/files/Making-Your-Voice-Heard.pdf>.

**GRADING:**

- Group Projects, commenting on a government policy – 20%
- Midterm exam – 40%
- Final exam – 30%
- Class participation – 10%

**MIDTERM EXAM DATE:** October 24, in class (subject to modest change)

**FINAL EXAM DATE:** December 19 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Class Subjects:**

(Page number in coursepack, reading number on Canvas/Study.net)

- 1            **Vehicles in the Park**  
              9-12, Reading 1
- 2            **Introduction to the Legal System**  
              13-30, Readings 2 and 3
- 3            **Speluncean Explorers – The Judge**  
              31-74, readings 4, 5, and 6
- 4            **Civil Procedure – Litigation**  
              75-100, readings 7 and 8
- 5            **Civil Procedure – The Jury**  
              101-138, readings 9-13
- 6            **Property – Personal and Real**  
              139-168, readings 14-17
- 7            **Real Property**  
              169-180, readings 18-19
- 8            **Contracts: Introduction**  
              181-202, readings 20-22
- 9            **Contracts: Consideration and the Offer**

- 203-212, reading 23
- 10        **Contracts: Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance**  
213-232, reading 24
- 11        **Contracts: Acceptance**  
233-250, readings 25 and 26
- 11        **Contracts: Specific Performance**  
251-272, readings 27-29
- 12        **Contracts: Damages**  
273-286, reading 30
13.       **Contracts: Limitations on Damages**  
287-310, readings 31-33
- 14        **Contracts: Promissory Estoppel**  
311-334, readings 34-37
- 15        **Contracts: Unconscionability & Review**  
335-340, reading 38
- 16        **In Class Midterm**, currently scheduled for October 24
- 17        **Constitutional Law: Takings**  
341-358, readings 39-40 and the US Constitution, as amended
- 18        **Constitutional Law: Separation of Powers 1**  
359-398, readings 41-42
- 19        **Constitutional Law: Separation of Powers II**  
399-418, reading 43
- 20        **Administrative Law**

- 419-456, readings 44-45
- 21        **Statutory Interpretation**
- 457-478, readings 46-47
- 22        **Public Law In Depth I: The Law of Insider Trading**
- 479-512, readings 48-53
- 23        **Public Law In Depth II: The Law of Privacy**
- 513-538, readings 54-57
- 24        **Intellectual Property**
- 539-578, readings 58-63

**All Comments Accompanying the Group Presentations Are Due One Week Before the First Presentation**

- 25        **International Law**
- 579-614, reading 64
- 26 & 27    **Comment on Government Policy – Group Presentations**
- 28        **Overflow and Review**