LGST 101-006  
Fall 2018  
LAW AND SOCIAL VALUES

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

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. There will be one midterm exam counting 35% of your grade and a final exam counting 35% of your grade. Drop slips will not be signed after October 8.

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A CURRENT SYLLABUS.

TOPICAL ASSIGNMENTS

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LEGAL SYSTEMS

Aug. 29; Class 1: Introduction: What is Law?

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

Sept. 5; Class 2: What is International Law?

   Reading: 3. Sources of International Law  

Sept. 10; Class 3: Legal Reasoning

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

II. AREAS OF LAW

Sept 12; Class 4: Property: Personal Property

   Readings: 6. You are What You Own  
             7. Popov v. Hayashi
8. Swift v. Gifford

Sept. 17; Class 5: Property: Intellectual Property

Readings: 10. Four Kinds of Intellectual Property in the United States
11. DuPont deNemours v. Christopher

Sept. 19; Class 6: Property: Does Property Promote Growth

14. The Strategist’s Dream

Sept. 24; Class 7: Constitution and Constitutionalism

Readings: 15. Constitutional Law
16. Constitutionalism

Sept. 26; 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. 1; Class 9: TBD

Oct. 3; Class 10: Privacy: In the Current World

Reading: 20. Privacy, Privacy Act, Big Data

Oct. 8; Class 11: TBD

Oct 10; Class 12: TBD

Oct. 15; Class 13: Crime: Duties to the State

Reading: 21. Criminal Law

Oct. 17; Class 14: Crime: Enforcement

23. Excerpts from the Kerner Report at http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/6545/

Oct. 22; Class 15: Tort: Duties to One Another

Readings: 24. Intentional Torts
25. Negligence and Strict Liability
Oct. 24; Class 16: review
  Reading: everything so far

Oct. 29; Class 17: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

III. PRIVATE LAW: ENFORCING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS

Oct. 31; Class 18: What is a Contract
  Reading: 26. Introduction to Contracts
  27. Steinberg v. Chicago Medical School
  28. Contracts in Writing

Nov. 5; Class 19: The Bargain Theory – Consideration
  Reading: 29. Consideration – The Basic Concept

Nov. 7; Class 20: The Bargain Theory – Offer and Acceptance
  Reading: 30. Intent to Contract: Offer and Acceptance

Nov. 12; Class 21: The Bargain Theory – Termination of Power of Acceptance
  Readings: 31. Termination of the Power of Acceptance
  32. Lyon v. Adgraphic

Nov. 14; Class 22: The Bargain Theory – Remedies for Breach of Contract
  Readings: 33. Remedies
  34. A Note on Limitation to Remedies
  35. Ericson v. Playgirl

Nov. 19; Class 23: Unconscionability and Good Faith
  Readings: 36. A Note on Unconscionability
  37. Walker v. Thompson Furniture

IV. BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

Nov. 26; Class 24: Agency
  Reading: 39. The Fiduciary Relationship: A Legal Perspective

Nov. 28; Class 25: Business Forms
  Readings: 40. Types of Business Organizations at
Dec. 3; Class 26:  Insider Trading

   Readings:  42. The Conceptual Problems with the Law of Insider and Outsider Trading
               43. Hedge Fund Billionaire Is Guilty of Insider Trading: A Circle of Tipsters
                   Who Shared Illicit Secrets

Dec. 5; Class 27:  Shareholder Primacy

   Reading:  44. Two Extreme Views

Dec. 10; Class 28:  Review Session

   Readings:  all contract readings

The examination schedule posted by the Registrar currently states that the final examination for this course will be held on Monday, December 17, from noon to 2:00 a.m. Please continue to check the final examination schedule for the correct time and date.