Introduction to Law and Legal Process  
LGST 101  
1:30pm-2:50pm  
3pm-4:20pm  

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Course Description  
This course is an introduction to law and legal process with a particular focus on criminal law, constitutional law, tort law, and contract law.  

Course Materials  
Cases and materials will be posted and distributed on Canvas.  

Course Requirements  
Examinations and quizzes will require references to and analysis of assigned cases, statutes, and other materials, whether or not discussed during class. All assigned cases should be briefed in preparation for class. Students will be expected to add value to class discussions.  

Examinations  
I will administer unannounced quizzes, graded class exercises, take home assignments, and a mid-term examination (closed book) this semester. In addition, there will be a final examination (closed book-cumulative) during the regularly scheduled examination period at the end of the semester. The mid-term and final examinations will consist of multiple choice, and possibly true/false and short essay questions.  

Midterm Examination  
October 17th  

Final Examination  
Thursday December 19 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (for 1:30pm-2:50pm class)  
Wednesday December 18 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (for 3pm-4:20pm class)  

Exam Make-up Policy  
All requests of make-up exams should be submitted to the Teaching Assistant through email at least 14 days before the exam date. Students must explain their situation and extraordinary circumstances that would justify the administration of a non-scheduled examination.
**Field Exercises (optional, not required)**

Students will be given an opportunity to argue a case currently before the United States Supreme Court at the moot courtroom (Penn Law School) on a weekday evening. Also, a trip to visit New Jersey State Prison (Trenton, NJ), the region’s most secure maximum security prison is scheduled for twenty students from each section of LGST 101. Forms that reserve a spot on these trips will be available on Canvas.

**Office Hours**

Please contact the teaching assistant for questions about the class and, in particular, the grading of class assignment and examinations (Jimmy Gao; Tel: (267) 271-1633; Email: jimgao@wharton.upenn.edu). If questions and/or concerns still remain, please contact me via email (lauferw@wharton.upenn.edu).

**Grading**

*Class Participation (20%)*

This class is designed to be interactive. You will not only learn about different substantive areas of law but also learn how to think critically about law in class discussions. Like a typical law school setting, this class will use cold-calling to promote group discussion. Participation in class discussion and performance on in-class quizzes/exercises will largely determine this portion of your grade.

*Midterm Exam (40%)*

There is a one hour and twenty minute in class mid-term examination on October 17th. This exam will cover all of the material assigned and discussed in class.

*Final Exam (40%)*

The final exam will be held during the University’s final exam week (see above). The content of the final exam is cumulative and the class material covered before the midterm exam will also be on the final.

*Final grades will be scaled to a represent a reasonable curve.*

**Classroom Etiquette** Students will be given name tents at the beginning of the semester and are expected to bring them to every class. *Please do not use any electronic devices during class. Computers are only permitted for students who are appointed as note takers.*

*No audio and/or video recordings should be made during class hours.*
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| 1    | **Course Introduction**  
      (Choosing Equal Injustice)  
      **Introduction to**  
      **Criminal Law**  
      *(Keeler v. Superior Court;*  
      *Elonis v. United States;*  
      *State v. Knutson)*  
      **Introduction to Constitutional**  
      **Law**  
      *(Kennedy v. Louisiana; Tennessee v. Garner)*  
| 2    | **Introduction to Tort Law**  
      *(Cohen v. Petty; Spano v. Perini Corporation; Lubitz v. Wells)*  
      **Introduction to Contract Law**  
      *(Trump v. Maher; Vokes v.*  
      *Arthur Murray, Inc.; Hopper v.*  
      *All Pet Animal Clinic)*  
| 3    | **Introduction to the Legal System;**  
      **Jurisprudence**  
      **Criminal Law Cases I**  
      Principles of Punishment;  
      Criminal Statutes  
      **Criminal Law Cases II**  
      Actus Reus; Mens Rea  
| 4    | **Criminal Law Cases III**  
      Causation; Criminal Homicide  
      **Criminal Law Cases IV**  
      Corporate Criminal Liability  
      and Sanctions  

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1 This schedule may change given the pace of the class.
Constitutional Law Cases I
Constitutional Law Cases II
Fourth Amendment Protections

Constitutional Law Cases III
Eighth Amendment Protections

Tort Law Cases I
Intentional Torts

Tort Law Cases II
Negligence and Strict Liability

Tort Law Cases III
Products Liability

Contract Law Cases I
Bases for Enforcing Promises

Contract Law Cases II
The Bargaining Process

Contract Law Cases III
Policing the Bargain

Contract Law Cases IV
Policing the Bargain

Contract Law Cases V
Remedies for Breach

Contract Law Cases VI
Performance and Breach

Contract Law Cases VII
Mistakes

Contract Law Cases VIII
Impossibility, Impracticability, and Frustration

Review

FINAL EXAMINATION (cumulative)