

POLS 200 Winter Quarter 2020

INTRODUCTION TO LAW

TENTATIVE Class Schedule:

Thursday, Jan 2nd: Introductions, Syllabus, Orientation to **Processing the Law Ebook**

Assignment: Read Syllabus review Ebook site, get Orientated

Friday, Jan 3rd: Q&A Continue Orientation to Google Scholar, Canvas, and Ebook site .

Assignment: Read Introduction to E book

Syllabus Quiz: Due by Midnight. On Ebook.

Monday, Jan 6th: Q&A On Introduction- 13 Key Descriptors for Class

Assignment: Critical Thinking Booklet; Review CT Videos In Canvas Modules

Tuesday, Jan 7th: Q&A on CT booklet Paul Elder Model Elements of Thought

Class Activity: Map out the Informal Logic of a College Class, Hobby, or Activity.
Explain to a class mate

Assignment: Read Chapter 1 of Textbook; The Thinking Process Applied to Law Up to Group Dynamics Section.

Wed, Jan 8th: Q&A on Chapter 1 and the Standard Briefing Sequence.

Class Activity: Review and Discuss Significance of Cognitive Pyramid on Page 20.

Assignment: Read Caldwell v. Bechtel, and prepare to discuss from Canvas Modules

Thursday, Jan 9th: Q&A Cognitive Pyramid and barriers to Understanding and Success

Class Activity: Complete the Full Brief of Caldwell v. Bechtel. Discuss with Class mates

Assignment: Read Ch. 1 Group Dynamics as a Microcosm of Law

Friday, Jan 10th: Review Group Dynamics

Class Activity: Resource Inventory and Group Formation

Assignment for Next Week: Read Chapter 2 Substantive Law: The Historical Context

Quiz: CT booklet Through Chapter 1 on EBOOK due by Midnight.

Monday, Jan 13th: Lecture: Law and Ethics (Morality). Introduction to Legitimate Power.

Review Group Formation and Organization Info in Canvas Modules

Class Group Activity: Discuss Organization Template.

Assignment: Read and Prepare Problem #5 on Page 28 (Runway Model Scenario).
Consider whether this is a moral or legal issue. Prepare Group Brief for

Presentation

Tuesday, Jan 14th: Lecture: Separate of Powers Doctrine.
Informal Group Presentation (no powerpoints) regarding Group Opinions and
Conclusions about Problem #5 above. Turn In your Group Brief.
Assignment: Read the “Big Gulp” Case in the Ch. 2 Canvas Modules. Consider
Implications of Separation of Powers. How does this relate to Current Events
(i.e. Impeachment of President)

Wednesday, Jan 15th: Class Activity: Groups Organize Brief of the Big Gulp Case.
Lecture” Ch. 2 The Roots of the U.S. Legal System
Reading Assignment: Review Ch. 2 Roots of U.S. Legal System and Legal Structure

Thursday, Jan 16th: Q&A on Roots of the U.S. Legal System in Relation of Magna Carta.
Lecture: Subject Matter Jurisdiction
Reading Assignment: Ch. 2 Subject Matter and Jurisdiction Over the Parties.

Friday, Jan 17th: Q&A on Jurisdiction Issues
Reading Assignment for Next Week: Ch. 3 Pages 37-47.
Midterm 1 : Through Chapter 2 Due by Midnight. ON CANVAS.

Monday, Jan 20th: Martin Luther King Holiday- No Class

Tuesday, Jan 21st: Lecture: The Conflict Resolution Funnel
Group Discussion Informal and Formal Conflict

Wednesday, Jan 22nd: Lecture: Alternate Dispute Resolution,
The Dark Side of Arbitration Video
Group Assignment: Find Examples of Contractual Arbitration Clauses.
Review Reading Assignment: Stages of Formal Dispute Resolution

Thursday, Jan 23: Lecture Formal Civil Procedure Pleadings
Motions as “Tools of Administrative Efficiency”
Group Assignment: Read and Prepare Parker v. 20th Century Fox Case in Ch. 3
Modules.

Friday, Jan 24: Lecture: Summary Judgment (Civil Rule 56) to Jury Nullification
Class Activity: Informal Group Brief Presentation of Parker v. 20th Century Fox.
Discuss Implications of Decision.

Monday, Jan 27: Lecture: Jury Selection. Edmunson v. Leesville Concrete Co. Video
Class Discussion and Implications **Chapter 3 Quiz in E book** due by Midnight.

Tuesday, Jan. 28th: Lecture: Introduction to Constitutional Law: 3 Dimensions of Power Balance
Return to Separation of Powers
Reading Assignment: Chapter 4, Three dimensions of Power Balance p. 47-49
Gideon v. Wainwright video

Wednesday, Jan 29th: Youngstown Steel v. Sawyer Video
Group Activity: Brief Youngtown Steel for Submission
Class Discussion and Relevance to Current Impeachment Process.

Thursday, Jan. 30th: **ADVISING DAY- No Formal Lecture**
Reading Assignment 2nd Dimension Silkwood v. Kerr McGee and Chemical Waste Management v. Hunt.
Video Assignment: "The Corporation" Video in Ch. 4 B Modules

Friday, Jan 31st: Lecture- Corporate Personhood Case: Allied Bruce Terminex v. Dobson.
Video segment: The Corporation
Reading Assignment: Ch. 4A Corporate Personhood..
Group Assignment: Brief the Allied Bruce v. Terminex case to Submit

Monday, Feb. 3rd: Lecture: Due Process History
Reading Assignment: Ch. 4 What Process is Due p. 49-55.
Hypotheticals- Discussion 3 step Analysis

Tuesday, Feb 4th: Lecture Equal Protection- Hypotheticals

Separate But Equal video segments
Assignment: Brief Brown v. Board of Education

Wednesday, Feb. 5th: Separate but Equal video, Supreme Court Argument Continued.

Thursday, Feb. 6th: Lecture 3rd Dimension Balancing Tests
Reading Assignment: Third Dimension Balancing Tests p. 55-59.
Group Discussion: Know and Apply Each Balancing Test
Chapter 4A Quiz due in E book by Midnight

Friday, Feb. 7th: **Faculty Inservice Day- No formal Class**
Reading Assignment: Chapter 4 A,

also Read Boy Scouts v. Dale in Modules.

- Monday, Feb. 10th : Lecture: Great Freedoms-Speech. 1st Amendment in 21st Century Video.
Boy Scouts of America v. Dale.
Privacy v. Free Press : History of Privacy as a Fundamental Right
Griswold v. Connecticut. Bartnicki v. Vopper video
Assignment: Review p. 62-67 in Text. Brief Bartnicki v. Vopper case in Ch. 4
Canvas Module.
- Tuesday, Feb 11th: Discussion: What happened to Privacy? Preview of Torts
Whistleblowers and Public Employees: Garcetti v. Cebalos video
Group Assignment: Brief: Garcetti v. Cebalos
Class Discussion: Relevance to Current Impeachment Issue
- Wednesday, Feb. 12th: Obscenity and the Law: Legal History Review
American Library Association v. U.S.
- Thursday, Feb. 13th: Freedom of Religion-Separation of Church and State
McCreary County v. ACLU of Kentucky and Van Orden v. Perry
Reading Assignment: Review Freedom of Religion p. 61-2.
- Friday, Feb. 14th: Second Amendment
Case: D.C. v. Heller p. 67-68
Chapter 4B Quiz in E book due by midnight.
- Monday, Feb. 17th: President's Day Holiday- No Class**
Midterm 2 Chapter 3 and 4 on Canvas- Due by Midnight.
- Tuesday, Feb. 18th: Lecture; Ch. 5 Basic Criminal Law Lecture
Reading Assignment: Ch. 5
- Wednesday, Feb. 19th: Mens Rea: A Crime of Insanity video
Case Assignment: Read Johnson v. Florida and People v. Olivo in the Chapter 5
Canvas modules
- Thursday, Feb 20th: Blue v. White Collar Crimes:
Crime in the Suites video
- Friday, Feb. 21st: Lecture/Discussion Crime and Punishment and Defenses to Crimes;
Sheriff Joe and Tent City video
Chapter 5 Quiz in E Book Due by Midnight

- Monday, Feb. 24th: Ch. 6 Intentional Torts- Compensation
Reading Assignment for the Week: Chapter 6
- Tuesday, Feb. 25th: Lecture: Torts Affecting Emotions
Case Assignment from Ch, 6 Module: Agis v. Howard Johnson
Canvas Case: Kloepfel v. Bokor and Audia v. Rossi Brothers Funeral Home
- Wednesday, Feb. 26th: Lecture: Torts Affecting Privacy
Review Griswold v. Connecticut
Privacy Torts Video-
- Thursday, Feb. 27th: Tort of Appropriation:
Case Assignment from Ch. 6 module: White v. Samsung Electronics
- Friday, Feb. 28th: Lecture/Discussion: Torts Affecting Property
Case Assignment: Texaco v. Pennzoil Interference with Contract Relations
Chapter 6 Quiz in E book Due by Midnight
- Monday, March 2nd: Lecture/Discussion: Unintentional Torts (Negligence)
Elements of Negligence
Reading Assignment for Week: Chapter 7.
- Tuesday, March 3rd: Lecture/Discussion Causation and Foreseeability
Case Assignment: Palsgraph v. Long Island R.R.
- Wednesday, March 4th: Lecture/Discussion: Unforeseeable Consequences
Case Assignment from Ch. 7 Modules: Petition of Kinsman Transit (module) and Vosberg v. Putney (text)
Extra Credit Lecture Attendance: International Trade and Sales of Goods
(Preview to Business Law). 2-3 pm Location TBD
- Thursday, March 5th: Lecture/Discussion Superseding and Joint Causes
Forms of Negligence
- Friday, March 6th: Lecture/Discussion: Duties of Possessors of Land
Review p 97-100 in E book Text
Case Assignment/Presentation: Fuentes v. Port of Seattle in Ch. 7 Modules

Monday, March 9th: Defenses to Negligence and Comparative Liability
Case Assignment/presentation: Jones v. Kappa Alpha Order from Modules

Tuesday, March 10th: Strict Liability
Case Assignment/Presentation: Higgins v. Intex from Ch. 7 modules

Wednesday, March 11th: Lecture: Product Liability
"Hot Coffee" Video Liebeck v. McDonald's

Thursday, March 12th: Lecture/Discussion: Hot Coffee Video Continued
Chapter 7 Quiz in E book Due by Midnight

Friday, March 13th: Lecture: Chapter 8 Property Law

Sunday, March 15th: Final Midterm (Chapters 5-8)
Due by Midnight on CANVAS.

Monday, March 16: Property Law Continued

Tuesday, March 17th: Study Day- no classes

Thursday, March 19th Designated Final Exam Review/Class Evals: