

Syllabus for Legal Studies 145—Law and Economics I (Version 2.0)*Professors:*

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Time: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:10pm to 5:30pm

Place: 141 McCone, see http://berkeley.edu/map/maps/large_map.html

Texts:

1. Polinsky (P), *An Introduction to Law and Economics*, 3rd Edition, Aspen, 2003.
2. Cooter and Ulen (CU), *Law and Economics*, Fifth Edition, Addison-Wesley, 2007.
See also <http://www.cooter-ulen.com/wp> and http://works.bepress.com/robert_cooter/56/

Website: <https://bspace.berkeley.edu>

Office Hours: McCrary: Thursday, 12-2pm, 657 Evans Hall
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Reading List:

- I. Introduction
 - P: Chapters 1 and 2
 - CU: Chapters 1 and 3
 - Students should be familiar with CU: Chapter 2
- II. Property
 - P: Chapters 3, 4
 - CU: Chapters 4, 5 (IA, B, D, IIIA-C, IVA-E)
- III. Contracts
 - P: Chapters 5, 7 and 8
 - CU: Chapters 6 and 7
- IV. Torts
 - P: Chapters 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15
 - CU: Chapters 8 (I, IIA-I) and 9 (IA, B3, IIA, B, III)
- V. Legal Process
 - P: Chapter 16
 - CU: Chapter 10 (I-IV, VA-C, E, VIA, VII)
- VI. Crimes
 - P: Chapters 10, 11
 - CU: Chapter 11 (I, IIA-F, H-K), Chapter 12 (I, IIA-C, III, IV, VI, VII)
- VII. Conclusion
 - P: Chapters 17, 18, and 19

Requirements:

There will be an in-class midterm examination on Monday, March 7

There will be a final examination on Friday, May 13, 2011, from 8-11am

There will be 6 graded homework assignments; dates are specified on the next page, but may vary depending on the pace of the class. There is also an optional 7th problem set that is ungraded.

Grades:

Midterm 30%, Final 55%, Section Participation (including homework) 15%

Week	Monday	Lecture Topic	Wednesday	Lecture Topic	Notes
1			1/19	P1, P2	Introduction
2	1/24: PS1 handed out	P3, P4	1/26	CU4	Property
3	1/31: turn in PS1	P5	2/2	P7, P8	Contracts
4	2/7: PS2 handed out	CU6	2/9	CU7	Contracts
5	2/14: turn in PS2	Handouts: Complex Contracts	2/16	P6	Contracts/ Torts
6	2/21: <i>no class</i> (<i>President's Day</i>) PS3 handed out (bspace)	N/A	2/23: <i>No class: pre-taped makeup on property</i>	CU5	Distance Learning Module: Property
7	2/28: turn in PS3	P9	3/2	Midterm Review	Torts
8	3/7	In-class Midterm	3/9	P12	
9	3/14: PS4 handed out	P13	3/16	P14	
10	3/21: <i>no class</i>		3/23: <i>no class</i>		Spring Break
11	3/28: turn in PS4; PS5 handed out	P15	3/30	CU8	
12	4/4: turn in PS5	CU9 (IA, IB3, IIA-B)	4/6	CU9 (III)	
13	4/11: PS6 handed out	P16	4/13	CU10 (I-IV, VA-C, VE, VIA, VII)	Legal Process
14	4/18: turn in PS6	P10	4/20	P11	Crime
15	4/25: optional PS7 handed out	Handouts: Dynamic Crime Models	4/27	Handouts: Government Spending on Crime Control	
	5/2: <i>no class</i>		5/4: <i>no class</i>		Reading Week
5/9 – 5/13 Exam Period					
Final Exam on Friday, May 13, 8-11am					

Notes: Textbooks referred to with first letter of author last name. For example, "P4" means Chapter 4 of the Polinsky text, and "CU5 (IVA-E)" means Chapter 5, Sections IV.A through IV.E of the Cooter and Ulen text.