

Syllabus for Legal Studies 145—Law and Economics I

Time: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm to 5:30pm, unless a holiday—see <http://opa.berkeley.edu/AcademicCalendar/calendardisp.aspx?terms=2009A>

Place: 277 Cory, 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>

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

Office Hours: Wednesday, 10:00am-11:30am, 586 Simon Hall (Law School)

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 and 8
CU: Chapters 6 and 7
- IV. Torts
P: Chapters 6, 7, 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 Wednesday, March 18

There will be a final examination on Wednesday, May 20, from 12:30pm to 3:30pm

There will be approximately 8 homework assignments

Grades:

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