

Property II Syllabus
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Course Responsibilities:

Attached is the reading schedule for this semester. Please read and brief all the assigned cases carefully, and read with care all assigned introductory materials, notes, and questions; these give context to each case and help you analyze cases more comprehensively. Careful preparation will also help you articulate questions and comments for class discussion.

You are responsible for all assigned reading (even those portions we do not cover in class). You are also responsible for all topics, issues, or problems discussed in class (even those that are not covered in the assigned reading).

Details regarding the final exam will be provided to you later in the semester. Your grade on the final will be your grade for Property II. There may be quizzes given throughout the semester; however, these quizzes will not count toward your final grade. If you wish to discuss your final grade for the Fall semester, you must set an appointment with me no later than Friday, January 11. The schedule for exam review will fall during the weeks of January 14 and the 21st. I will not be reviewing exams after this date. It is imperative that you schedule your appointment in advance as I am requiring that you review your exam, the answer sheet, and prepare a memo of discussion points before meeting. All the information you need to prepare our memo will be given to you well before your assigned appointment.

Attendance is mandatory for this class. If you are absent for a class, you must notify me within 24 hours of the missed class for it to be considered an excused absence. If you have more than four (4) unexcused absences your final grade will be dropped a letter grade.

My office hours for the semester are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Of course, I can be available to meet at other times by appointment.

Property II Reading Schedule*

Date	Pages	Topic
The Forms of Ownership: Estates in Land (Other than Leaseholds)		
Jan. 8	545-579	Introduction; the concept of estates and fee simple
Jan. 10	“	Life estate; defeasible estate
Jan. 15	“	Future interest; <i>problems on pg.561</i>
Jan. 17	595-607	Waste
Jan. 22	607-612	Restraints on alienation
Jan. 24	612-633	Rule against perpetuities; Merger Rule and other maintenance doctrines
Jan. 29	633-664	Co-ownership
Leasehold Interests (Landlord Tenant Law)		
Jan. 31	684-690	Intro of lease types; <i>problems on pg. 690</i>
Feb. 5	691-711	Independent covenants model
Feb. 7	711-742	Dependent covenants model; implied warranty of habitability
Feb. 12	742-763	Transfer of Interest
Feb. 14	782-801	Co-ops, Condos, and Common-Interest Communities
Entity Property: Nonpossessory Interest		
Feb. 19	801-826	Trust
Security Interest		
Feb. 21	830-840	Introduction
Mar. 4	840-863	Security interest in land
Mar. 6	868-883	Security interest in bankruptcy
The Land Transaction and Title Assurance		
Mar. 11	884-900	Nemo dat; good faith purchaser
Mar. 13	903-904; 912-927	Recording acts; <i>problems on pgs. 923-924</i>
Mar. 18	927-936	Limits on title searches
Law of Neighbors		
Mar. 20	971-997	Servitudes: Easements
Mar. 25	997-1013	“
Mar. 27	1013-1034	Covenants
April 1	1034-1049	“

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April 3	1049-1077	Zoning and other land use regulation
Government Forbearance		
April 8	1143-1164	Intro
April 10	1164-1191	Due process
Takings		
April 15	1220-1247	Eminent domain
April 17	1258-1282	Regulatory takings
April 22	1323-1348	Scope of police power; denominator problem; exactions
April 24	1348-1360	Temporary Takings; Review

* This is a suggested reading schedule, depending on the pace of the class, this schedule is subject to change. It is your responsibility to know where we are for each class.

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