US LEGAL SYSTEM SYLLABUS – WEEKS ONE, TWO AND THREE

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Expectations: I expect students to attend each class session, to be prepared, and to participate. If you must be absent, please contact me via email. Nora.wagner@uc.edu. If you are unable to prepare for a class session, please do not let that alone prevent you from coming to class. Email or talk to me before the class so that you can be excused from participation for that class session. Check your email every day. I will send you notice of changes to our schedule or assignments using your UC email address.

Office Hours: I will generally be available for student meetings on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 11am. (This is subject to change.) You are always welcome to schedule an appointment with me during these hours or at another mutually convenient time. This is the best way to ensure that I will be available at a given time.

Grading: Your grade will be based on a final exam (60%) and participation throughout the semester (40%).

Students with disabilities: If you have a disability that required assistance, you will need to contact Associate Dean Oliver for coordination in your academic accommodations.

Monday August 24

Introduction to Class

Introduction to the Study of Law

US Government Framework


(2) Skim US Constitution, found in your US Legal System text book page 595. (Skim means to read quickly for the main ideas only.)

Tuesday August 25

NO CLASS. In place of this class meeting, you will attend a session on August 26 at 12:00 with Professor Marianna Bettman.

Monday August 31

Areas of the Law

Key Concepts and Vocabulary for Contracts and Corporations
Preparation: (1) read text book table of contents for Part 2 pages xvii - xxvii

(2) Review chart in textbook on page 368

(3) Read American Law 101 page 25 – 34  (This book will be on reserve in the library.)

**Tuesday September 1**

Classification of Law

Preparation: Textbook pages 45 – 69

**Monday September 7**

Labor Day, Law School Closed

**Tuesday September 8**

Laws Affecting Businesses

Preparation: Read: Textbook pages 365 – 386.