

Economics 119: Law and Economics II

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Announcements: The reading assignments for Thurs 1/19 and next Tuesday are C/U ch. 7 and the two chapters in Polinsky.

Syllabus, Readings and Requirements:

This course uses economic theory to evaluate the economics effects of US law in contract law, corporate law (how large firms are organized and governed), debtor-creditor law, bankruptcy law, and class action litigation. Basic principles of law will be discussed and economic theory applied to questions posed by the law.

Except for the section on contract law, there are no textbooks for this course. The readings will be articles (mainly available on the www) and parts of books. The books are (hopefully) on reserve at SSH.

This course is new, so things may be a bit disorganized. There will probably be some assignments that students can volunteer for--they can substitute for one of the quizzes.

There will be an in-class midterm on Feb 9 and two unannounced in-class quizzes. There will also be a final exam at the scheduled time.

Course website: www.econ.ucsd.edu/~miwhite/econ119. Everything will be posted on the course website, including announcements, lecture notes, assignments, and additional study questions/problems (answers will be posted with a lag). If you have a question about the course, please check the course website first.

Grading: Final grades will be calculated as follows: each quiz = 5%, midterm exam = 45%, and final exam = 45%.

Lecture Notes:

[Lecture 1a \(Contract Law\)](#)

[Lecture 1b \(More contract Law\)](#)

[Lecture 2 \(Breach of contract\)](#)

Lecture 2a (Notes on marriage as a contract)

Study questions 1 (Contract Law)

Corrected question on reliance from 1/26 lecture

Midterm: