

SUBJECT: PROPERTY LAW

TAUGHT IN:	CREDITS:	MODULE	MODULE ORGANIZER:
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TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:

This course will be taught over the period of a 15 week semester for three hours a week. Of these 15 weeks, 13 are teaching, one is a mid-term break, and the final week is reserved for the final exam.

The course will be taught by lectures, seminars, practical examples using case law, hypothetical's, and discussions. It will incorporate theories, black letter law, and practical illustrations. Class activity will include lecture and student intercourse, discussions and case briefings. Customary preparation of assigned material is essential as each week's readings form part of the class activity which will be discussed in class. Thus, it is expected that students come to class being familiar with all assigned topics.

MODULE AIMS:

The aims of the module are to expose the student to personal property issues, including bailment and rights of bona fide purchasers; and, most especially, a wide range of real property issues, including various types of ownership, interests, methods of assuring property interests, and historical development; as well as issues regarding promises concerning land, public land-use controls, and rights incident to land.

More specifically students will be exposed and expected to understand issues concerning:

- adverse possession
- freehold estates
- future interests
- concurrent ownership
- landlord tenant
- easements
- zoning and taking issues
- nuisance

INDICATIVE CONTENT:

The focus of the module will be on areas of property law relevant to both the Continental European legal system and the common law. The study of domestic law will use the Constitution that incorporates the Charter of Fundamental Human Rights, the Civil and Commercial Codes, or other relevant law.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Proficiency in comprehending the fundamentals of each area of property law covered in the syllabus, and a familiarity with the breadth of law in each area not covered in such depth;
- Ability to spot relevant property issues, utilize correct law, and apply cogent analysis to the various areas of law as outlined in the syllabus;
- Familiarity with historical underpinnings of Anglo-American property law
- Recognition of rules of basic statutory construction;
- Understanding of applying case law and case briefing;
- Ability to meet legal research and writing expectations.

METHODS OF ASSESSMENT:

The Final Exam will count for 60% of the grade.

One assigned paper will count for 20% of the grade.

Either a mid-term exam or periodic quizzes will count for 20% of the grade.

READING:

Most of the reading comes directly from the syllabus. There may be occasional handouts and online assignments.

SYLLABUS:

Class 1	Introduction
Class 2	Personal Property
Class 3	Adverse Possession
Class 4	Freehold Estates
Class 5	Future Interests
Class 6	Marital Estates
Class 7	Concurrent Ownership
Class 8	TBA
Class 9	Landlord and Tenant
Class 10	Easements and Promises Concerning Land
Class 11	Zoning and Other Public Land-Use Controls
Class 12	Land Contracts, Mortgages and Deeds, Recording
Class 13	Rights Incident to Land