

Contracts  
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Mon/Tues/Wed: 8:00-9:22

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## SYLLABUS AND CLASS INFORMATION

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course meets for four credit hours in the spring semester. During this time, we will study the basic principles of contract law. We will focus on studies on the common law and Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

### MATERIALS

The required text for this course is Dawson, Harvey, Henderson, & Baird, Contracts: Cases and Comment, Foundation Press (9th ed). The required supplement is Dawson, Harvey, Henderson, & Baird, Appendix to Contracts: Cases and Comment, Foundation Press (9th ed.). You should bring both of these books to class with you each day. Periodically, I may assign cases or other materials not included in the text. When such materials are assigned, I will either provide you with a case cite or with the material in class.

I also recommend Robert A. Hillman's Principles of Contract Law, Thomson West, or M. Chirelstein's Concepts and Case Analysis in the Law of Contracts, Foundation Press. I did not have the bookstore order them, but they should be readily available at your favorite online bookstore. The following treatises on Contracts are on reserve in the library for your reference: Corbin on Contracts, Farnsworth on Contracts, and White and Summers on the Uniform Commercial Code.

### ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is required for this course. I will take attendance by circulating a sign-in sheet at the beginning of each class. In accordance with the Law School's accreditation requirements, students must attend a minimum of 80 percent of class meetings to receive credit for the course. This means in this course you may miss at most 7 classes during the semester. If you miss more than 7 classes, you will not receive credit for the course. Be in class on time. *Students who arrive too late to sign the roll may do so after class, but your late sign-in will count for half an absence.*

### CLASS PARTICIPATION

I expect that each student will be prepared for every class. The reading load is not particularly heavy; this is so that you can read the material carefully and give it some thought. I intend to call on students to discuss the assigned materials. *If you are not prepared and are called on, your lack of preparation will be noted and your final grade will be lowered by 1 point for every time you are unprepared. You may, however, opt out of class participation three times. To do so, you need only send me an email with "NP" in the subject line no later than 7:45 a.m. the morning of class. On days you opt-out, you will not be called on.* If I missed your email and call on you, please remind me. Internet access during class is prohibited.

### EXAM

Your grade will be based on the final examination at the end of the semester, along with any penalties for deficient participation. Although I reserve the right to modify the form and content

of the exam without notice, it will likely consist of 2-3 essay questions. The exam will be “open book,” meaning that you may bring any printed or hard-copy materials you like. You may not use Internet resources or files on your computer during the exam. Exams may be taken on laptops with the Law School’s Exam Software or they may be written by hand.

### ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

Cheating, plagiarism or any dishonesty in your work is not tolerated at this university. The College of Law’s Student Conduct Code

[[http://www.law.fsu.edu/current\\_students/rules/studentconduct.pdf](http://www.law.fsu.edu/current_students/rules/studentconduct.pdf)] governs the academic conduct of students at the Florida State University College of Law. Students are bound by the College of Law’s Code in all of their academic work. This Code outlines the College of Law’s expectations for integrity of students’ academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process.

### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should (1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC), and (2) bring a letter from SDRC to Nancy Benavides, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class.

### OFFICE HOURS

My office hours are on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30, yet I am generally in my office and available for questions during normal business hours when I am not teaching. I do ask that students not come by during the hour or so before class except to attend to pressing matters. Questions are welcome by email at any time, and in my experience forcing oneself to write out a question succinctly can be of great benefit. Not only will I be able to give you a more helpful answer, the exercise of writing the question itself may clear up much of the misunderstanding. That said, I encourage you to ask questions in person when needed.