

**Contracts**  
**University of Florida Levin College of Law**  
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**LOCATION:** Holland 270

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

Welcome to Contracts! In this course, we will cover the fundamental principles of contract law, including contract formation, contract interpretation, defenses to enforcement, performance and non-performance, breach, damages, and the rights and responsibilities of third parties.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the common law and statutory foundations of contract law;
- Demonstrate understanding of the principles governing contract law disputes;
- Evaluate the role of policy choices in the development of contract law;
- Evaluate parties' drafting choices in designing contracts; and
- Further develop their skills as advocates and client counselors by practicing how to analyze contract issues as they arise in a variety of contexts.

**REQUIRED READING MATERIALS**

The required text for this course is *Problems in Contract Law: Cases and Materials* by Knapp, Crystal, Prince, Hart, and Silverstein (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). It is not necessary to purchase the statutory supplement as those materials are freely available online. Please be sure to register for the Canvas course and have any required materials with you in print or easily accessible electronic form in class. You are responsible for checking your Canvas page and the email connected to the page on a regular basis for any class announcements.

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND GRADING EVALUATION**

Your final grade will be based on four problems completed during the semester (5% each) and a final exam (80%). Each of the four problems will be turned in for credit and graded on a pass-fail basis. Problems must be turned in by the beginning of the corresponding class; problems turned in after the start of class will receive no credit.

I expect students to be prepared and professional in class. I reserve the right to adjust grades by 1/3 of a point (e.g., from B to B+) to reflect exceptional class participation.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Regular attendance is required. Attendance, preparation, and participation are vital not only to your own understanding of the material but to your classmates' as well. You are allowed up to four absences for any

reason during the semester. Please notify me in advance if you will be missing class. Observance of a University-recognized religious holiday will not be counted as an absence, but you must notify me in advance of such absences. A student who fails to meet the attendance requirement may be dropped from the course. The law school's policy on attendance can be found [here](#).

### **UF LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW STANDARD SYLLABUS POLICIES**

Other information about UF Levin College of Law policies, including compliance with the UF Honor Code, Grading, Accommodations, Class Recordings, and Course Evaluations can be found at this link: <https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/427635/files/74674656?wrap=1>.

### **ABA OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS REQUIREMENTS**

ABA Standard 310 requires that students devote 120 minutes to out-of-class preparation for every “classroom hour” of in-class instruction. Each week's classes run a total of approximately 4 hours, requiring at least **8 hours of preparation** outside of class.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Reading will generally be assigned on a weekly basis. The assignments will be posted on Canvas. For the first two weeks of class, the reading assignments are:

- 1/13: Introduction; mutual assent and the objective theory of contract
  - o pp. 18–33
- 1/15: Offer and acceptance
  - o pp. 34–55
- 1/20: No class (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
- 1/22: Offer and acceptance continued; postponed bargaining
  - o pp. 55–64; 66–83