

Syllabus for Contracts Spring 2023

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Class: Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, 9:00-10:15, HH 355C

Office hours: Wednesday/Thursday 10:15-10:45, Friday 10:15-noon

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course will introduce you to fundamental principles of contract law. By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- Describe the common law and statutory foundations of contract law;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the contract law principles that govern the process of resolving contract law disputes;
- Explain the drafting choices that parties make when designing contracts;
- Explain how policy goals have contributed to the development of contract law and related doctrines; and
- Apply strategic and practical considerations throughout the entire process of filing and litigating a contract law dispute.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Our casebook is Knapp, Crystal, & Prince, Problems in Contract Law: Cases and Materials (9th ed. 2019). You do not need to purchase a statutory supplement, as those materials are freely available online.

EXPECTATIONS:

Class will start on time and end on time. I expect you to arrive on time. The law school's policy on attendance is available here: <https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/uf-law-student-handbook-and-academic-policies>. If you are going to miss class, you should not notify me.

You may have access to up to two class recordings during the semester. Religious observances or medical-related absences do not count towards this total. Please email Victoria Redd (redova@law.ufl.edu) to request access.

ASSIGNMENTS:

The reading assignments are available on our course webpage. They are subject to change from time to time. There are also four problems that will be assigned during the semester to be turned in for credit. They will be graded on a pass-fail basis. Problems must be turned in to me by the start of the corresponding class. Problems submitted after class begins will receive no credit.

You should expect to spend approximately two hours on out-of-class preparation for every hour of in-class instruction.

EXAM AND GRADE:

Each of the four problems will be worth 5% of your final grade. The final exam constitutes the remaining 80% of your grade. To assist in your exam, you may use any non-human resources you desire. The exam must be taken at the scheduled date and time except in a case of family or medical emergency or accommodation made by the Office of Student Affairs.

Participation and attendance will also be factored into your final grade, but such adjustments will be unusual except in the case of a history of late arrivals to class.

OTHER INFORMATION:

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 <https://ufl.instructure.com/courses/427635/files/74674656?wrap=1>.