**Syllabus for Contracts**

**Fall 2021**

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Class: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, 10:45-12:00, HH 382

Office hours: Monday/Wednesday 9:30-10:30

# 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 attend every class and to arrive on time. Regular class attendance is required as a condition of receiving course credit. If you miss more than **seven** classes, you will receive a failing grade for the course. Observance of religious holidays does not count toward your seven absences. Please notify me in advance of such religious absences by email. If you are going to miss class for another reason, you should not notify me.

# 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.

The casebook has many good problems in addition to those assigned. For additional practice, you might consider the following problems, among others: 2-4, 2-7, 4-1, 5-1, 6-3, 9-1, 9-2. These problems are entirely optional, and you should not provide me with answers to them or feel any obligation to examine them.

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, non-real-time-internet 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. The law school policy on exam delays and accommodations can be found at <https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/forms-applications/exam-delays-accommodations-form>.

Participation and attendance will also be factored into your final grade and will count for no more than a one-step increase or decrease in your final grade, but such adjustments will be unusual except in the case of a history of late arrivals to class.

**INFORMATION ON UF LAW GRADING POLICIES**

The law school grading policy is available at: <https://www.law.ufl.edu/life-at-uf-law/office-of-student-affairs/current-students/uf-law-student-handbook-and-academic-policies>. Students receive grade points according to the following scale:

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| Letter Grade | Point Equivalent | Letter Grade | Point Equivalent |
| A- | 4.0 | C- | 2 |
| A- | 3.67 | C- | 1.67 |
| B+ | 3.33 | D+ | 1.33 |
| B- | 3.0 | D- | 1.0 |
| B- | 2.67 | D- | 0.67 |
| C+ | 2.33 | E- | 0 |

**STUDENT ACCOMODATIONS**

Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Disability Resource Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Dean Mitchell) when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>.

**STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS**

Students can provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will receive notice of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.