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CONTRACTS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, 3.30pm-4.50pm.

COURSE BOOKS: Macauley, Braucher, Kidwell & Whitford, CONTRACTS: LAW IN ACTION VOL. 1 (4th Ed. 2016)¹ and Burton & Eisenberg, CONTRACT LAW, SELECTED SOURCE MATERIALS ANNOTATED (2017).²

Please be sure to read (carefully) all sections of the UCC and Restatement 2d referred to in the readings for the class - you can find these in the Source Materials book.

There is a blog for this class at <https://www.blenderlaw.com/contracts/>.³ I will post details of assignments for class on the blog to supplement this outline syllabus. I will also post questions for discussion and links to useful resources. I will update the blog at the end of each week (after the Thursday class), but may add material at other times. You should check the blog at least once each week during the semester. If I would like you to look at material on the blog at times other than the end of a week/the weekend I will announce this fact in class.

OFFICE HOURS: I am happy to discuss the course and any questions you may have about the material in person, either before or after class or in my office, or by email if that is convenient for you. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to me please contact me by email to do so. From the schedule for our section it looks as

¹ As of July 31, 2017, Amazon quoted prices for this book of \$183 (hardcover) and \$146 (looseleaf).

² As of July 31, 2017, Amazon quoted a price of \$48.45 for this book.

³ Cautionary note: on the blog I make available the assignments and materials for previous semesters. In Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 I used a different Casebook from the one I am using this semester and this means that the materials relating to those semesters, including the midterms and final exams don't always fit well with the materials as they are organized in our book. In Fall 2015 I used the previous edition of the book we are using and in Fall 2016 I used the same book we are using. There weren't huge variations between the 2010 and 2016 editions of the book. What does vary from semester to semester is the additional material I may assign. I like to assign some relatively current materials during the semester.

though the period between 2.00 and 3.20pm on Mondays and Wednesdays would work for meetings (although I am also available at other times). I am happy for you to drop by my office - I will plan to be there before our classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please do be sure to ask me if you have questions about the material either in or out of class. It is much better to clear up uncertainties as they arise rather than waiting until the end of the semester.

ASSESSMENT AND ATTENDANCE: Your performance in this course will be assessed by means of a three-hour, in-class, **closed book** examination. I will take attendance. You are entitled to three **unexplained** absences from class during the semester. I reserve the right to lower the grade of anyone who misses more than three classes without informing me of the reason for their absence. If you miss a significant number of classes you risk being dropped from the course. If you miss a class please do ask me if you have any questions about the material you missed. Consistent **and useful** participation in class **may** raise your grade.

OUTLINE OF THE SEMESTER PLAN: We will cover the material in the Casebook in order as we progress through the semester. I provide detailed reading assignments via the class blog. Up to the Fall Break we will be studying remedies: working through the materials is slower in the early weeks than it is later. I expect to be able to cover the material in the section of the book on Contract and Continuing Relations, some of the material on Social Control of Free Contract and some additional material I will provide for you via the blog.

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