Required Text:
Packet of Readings on ERes.

Class Topics and Reading Assignments:

Introduction
Jan. 17 Discussion of Syllabus and Subject Matter of Course

Jurisprudence
Jan. 29 Riggins v. Palmer, 98-103
Feb. 5 Duncan Kennedy, “A Critique of Adjudication,” on ERes and
Feb. 7 Crenshaw, et al., “Critical Race Theory,” 117-132, and
   Patricia Smith, “Feminist Legal Critics...” 132-142

Torts
Feb. 9 Hart & Honore, “Causation and Responsibility,” 147-154
Feb. 16 Jules Coleman, “Tort Liability and Limits...,” 167-173
Feb. 19 M. McInnes, “Duty to Rescue in Canada...& France,” and
   R. Leflar, “Personal Injury...in Japan,” 182-195
Feb. 21 Tarasoff v. Regents of University of California, 195-200

Feb. 21 First Take-Home Exam Distributed (due Feb. 26, in class)

Criminal Law
Feb. 28 Patrick Devlin, “The Enforcement of Morals,” 216-221
Mar. 2 Bowers v. Hardwick, 221-228.
Mar. 5 Egbeke Aja, “Crime...African Experience,” 228-235
Mar. 9 Payne v. Tennessee, 745-753
SPRING BREAK

International Law
Mar. 21 Fernando Teson, “A Philosophy of International Law,” ERes.
Mar. 26 Allen Buchanan, “The Internal Legitimacy of Humanitarian Inter.” ERes

Mar. 30 Second Take-Home Exam Distributed (due Apr. 4, in class)

Contracts
Apr. 4 Thomas Hobbes, “Leviathan,” 355-359
Apr. 6 P.S. Attiyah, “The Practice of Promising,” 359-368
Apr. 9 Charles Fried, “Contract as Promise,” 368-380
Apr. 11 Alan Wertheimer, “Unconscionability and Contracts,” 388-399
Apr. 13 Henningsen v. Bloomfield Motors and Williams v. Walker-Thomas, 399-405
Apr. 16 Lynn Berat, “South African Contract Law...,” 405-414

Constitutional Law
Apr. 18 Ronald Dworkin, “Constitutional Cases,” 429-440
Apr. 20 Munzer & Nickel, “Does the Constitution Mean What it Says?” 440-451
Apr. 25 Jeremy Cooper, “Poverty Law...The Indian Experience,” 468-481
Apr. 27 Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education, 533-542

Apr. 27 Final Take-Home Exam Distributed
May 4 Take-Home Exam Due by 5:00 pm in Philosophy Department

Class Policies:

1) Students are expected to come to every class prepared to discuss the reading assignment for that day. A seating chart will be kept beginning after the first week. More than five absences could constitute grounds for failing this course. Class attendance and participation are worth 10% of your grade.

2) Each take-home examination is to be typed, double-spaced, and not to exceed 3000 words. The exams are of roughly equal weight, each worth 30% of your grade. Late exams will be penalized ½ grade for each class day they are late.

3) Written work is meant to represent the student’s best efforts. Plagiarism will constitute grounds for failing this course.

Prof. May’s office hours: MF 11:00-12:00 or by appointment (935-6614), 206 Wilson.
Jeff Brown, our TA, will also hold office hours.