

FALL SEMESTER, 2008
COMPARATIVE LAW
Law 7125

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REQUIRED COURSEBOOK: COMPARATIVE LEGAL TRADITIONS
by Glendon, Carozza, and Picker (Thomson/West, 2007), 3rd edition

This is a three-credit-hour seminar course. Attendance in class is expected, and participation in classroom discussion may count up to ten percent of a student's grade in the course. Ninety percent or more of the grade will be based on a student's research paper or final examination. Each student may choose to do the paper or take the examination. The paper may qualify to meet a student's upper class writing requirement. The paper format required is similar to that in many university social science or humanities courses: a title/cover page with the title of the paper, name of the student, name of the course, and date of submission; a table of contents page; a main text of at least 5,000 words; footnotes or endnotes, between which the student may choose one or the other option (words in the notes do not count towards the 5,000 words in the main text); and a bibliography. The final examination is in the format of three essay questions of equal value. There is a 3,000 word limit for answering all three questions, meaning that the average answer to each question is 1,000 words. The examination is a "take-home" open book examination that can be accessed through a website managed by the Georgia State University College of Law Registrar's Office. Each student taking the examination will have 72 hours from the time s/he first "opens" the examination to respond to the questions and make a final "submission" of his/her answers. Each student has the option of when, during the period of days that the various Fall Semester, 2008 examinations run, to take the examination. It will be accessible from just after midnight in the early morning hours of the first day of exams until midnight at the end of the last day of exams. An obvious caveat to state with regard to the 72 hours is that a student must access the examination at least 72 hours before midnight of the last examination day in order to have the full 72 hours available to take the examination.

The reading assignments from the coursebook are as follows:

Date	Subject Matter	Pages
August 19	Part I.1&2. Introduction to the Comparative Study of Law	1-23
August 21	Part I.3 The Concept of Legal Tradition	23-49
August 26	Part II. Chapter 1. The Civil Law Tradition	52-75

August	28	Chapter 2.1-4A. Legal Structures in Civil Law Nations	76-106
September	2	“ 2.4B&5. “	106-136
September	4	Chapter 3.1 Legal Education in the Civil Law Tradition	137-160
September	9	“ 3.2&3 Legal Professions and Scholars “	160-184
September	11	Chapter 4.1&2. Procedure in Civil Law Systems	185-219
September	16	Chapter 4.3 Appellate Review in Civil Law Systems Chapter 5.1&2. Sources of Law in Civil Law Systems	219-225 226-244
September	18	“ 5.3&4. “	244-279
September	23	“ 5.4 “ Chapter 6. Fields of Substantive Law in Civil Law	279-293 294-303
September	25	Part III. Chapter 7. Intro. to the Common Law System	306-324
September	30	Chapter 8.1. Legal Structures in Britain/Government	325-349
October	2	Chapter 8.2. Judicial Review of Legislation in Britain	349-372
October	7	Chapter 8.3A-C. The British Judicial Structure	372-405
October	9	Chapter 8.3D-I. “ “	405-429
October	14	No Class Today	
October	16	Chapter 9.1-3B. Legal Actors in England	430-474
October	21	Chapter 9.3C&4. “ “	474-507
October	23	Chapter 10.1&2. Civil Procedure in England	508-532
October	28	Chapter 10.3A-C. Criminal Procedure in England	533-567
October	30	Chapter 10.3D&E. The Jury in England Chapter 10.4 Appellate Procedure in England	567-575 575-592

November	4	Chapter 11. Sources of Law in England/Precedent	593-622
November	6	Chapter 11.2C-6. Sources of Law, continued	622-656
November	11	Chapter 11.7-9. “ “	656-671
		Chapter 12. Fields of English Law	672-685
November	13	Chapter 13.1-3. European Union Law	686-720
November	18	Chapter 13.4 EU Law in the Member States	720-745
November	20	Chapter 15 Civil Law/Common Law Convergence?	799-832
November	25	Review of Course Materials (Attendance Optional)	