

Syllabus: Insurance Law Fall 2002

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Reaching Me: When not teaching, I generally can be found in my office, Room 321, from about 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feel free to stop by my office anytime or to call me with questions, including at home if you cannot reach me at work. You are also welcome to call or email to schedule an appointment.

Requirements: You may take this course as a writing course or as an examination course. Regardless of whether you take the course as a writing course or as an examination course, your grade will depend greatly on my assessment from class of how carefully you have read, how thoroughly you have understood, and how thoughtfully you have considered the material.

Writing Option: If you take insurance law as a writing course, then you must write a paper of approximately 20 pages on some aspect of insurance law or insurance regulation. I am happy to assess potential paper topics and to comment on any drafts that you would like me to read. Those who take the course as a writing course will also be required to give in-class presentations of their topics near the end of the semester and to distribute drafts of their papers in advance of these presentations. Papers will be graded on the basis of factors including originality, persuasiveness, organization, writing quality, and support.

Exam Option: If you take insurance law as an examination course, then you will be required to complete a take-home examination consisting of essay questions, with a total response not to exceed 15 double-spaced pages.

Attendance: If you miss or are substantially late to more than 3 of the 14 classes, then you must make up for each additional missed class by writing a three-page double-spaced essay responding to the reading for that class. The quality of such essays will then be factored into your grade.

Key to Syllabus: All readings are in the casebook, KENNETH S. ABRAHAM, INSURANCE LAW AND REGULATION: CASES AND MATERIALS (3d ed. 2000). While we will read approximately one unit per class, if we do not complete a unit in one class, we will finish the unit and move onto the next one in the subsequent class. I may make changes to the syllabus (deletions, additions, or substitutions) later in the semester.

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