

CONTRACTS I

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Required texts

Casebook: *Contract Law and Theory*, Robert Scott & Jody Kraus (4th ed.)

Supplement: *Contract Law and Theory, Selected Provisions: Restatement of Contracts and Uniform Commercial Code*, edited by Robert Scott & Jody Kraus (4th ed.)

Before classes start or in the first week you may be glad to have read Prof. Orin Kerr's "How to Read a Legal Opinion: A Guide for New Law Students," available at <http://volokh.com/files/howtoreadv2.pdf>.

Office Hours

Most of you have obligations during the day that preclude your dropping by during ordinary office hours. I will therefore be available by appointment, including some evenings. If you first make a good faith attempt at an answer, you may also email questions, along with your proposed answers, to me at mboardma@gmu.edu.

Exam

The exam will be given on December 5. It will be open book, open note and will include a series of essay and shorter answer questions. I reserve the right to increase your grade one step (B+ to A-, for example) based on quality class participation. I reserve the right to decrease your grade one step for lack of reading preparation.

Assignments

Your primary reading will be from the casebook. On occasion, I will email additional readings. If the reading includes a mention or discussion of either a U.C.C. (*Uniform Commercial Code*) section or a R.2d (*Restatement (Second) of Contracts*) section, read that section in your supplement. You will quickly find that reading these sections several times is necessary but not always sufficient to understanding.

August 20:	1-27, 38-41(notes), watch http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdackF2H7Qc
August 27:	41-52, 102-112
September 3:	64-93
September 10:	127-147
September 17:	147-175
September 24:	202-234, handout case on revocation
October 1:	245-276
October 8:	continue prior discussion, 279-298, 29-35
October 15:	313-352
October 22:	375-384, 389-409
October 29:	409-410, 440-456
November 5:	456-486
November 12:	487-515, 53-64 (longer assignment)
November 19:	515-537