

**PROPERTY I, SECTION 2**  
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**Overview**

This course covers the basics of property law. We will examine what makes property rights distinctive; how property rights are created, transferred, and destroyed; and what the powers and duties of property owners are. This course will serve as a foundation for a variety of upper-division courses, including land use, environmental law, intellectual property, and commercial law.

Class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 am to 12:15 pm.

**Required Reading**

The book for this class is Open Source Property, available at <https://opensourceproperty.org/download/>. We'll mainly be using Jeremy Sheff's January 2022 Build, which is available print-on-demand if you want for around \$30. We will also sometimes use material from the modules, available from the same page.

**Attendance Policy**

Attendance is mandatory. If you miss more than six classes you will not be able to take the final exam.

**Participation**

Students are expected to be prepared for class – you've paid to be here and the way to get the most out of this class is to do the reading before class so you understand what's going on in class. Excellent participation can result in a one-step raise in your grade in this class, and notably poor participation can result in a one-step reduction in your grade.

**Class Website**

There is a class website on TWEN, which is part of your Westlaw account. I will be endeavoring to share as much as possible there, including slides and other materials. Students are expected to monitor the TWEN site, although I'll also alert students in class and electronically of when materials are added there.

**Video Recordings of Lectures**

All classes will be recorded and posted, subject to the caveat that there may be technical glitches. A recording of a class is not a substitute for real-time participation, and you may also want to ask another student to take notes for you if you are unable to be present.

**Grading**

Your grade is determined by a combination of class participation and completing ungraded assignments (15%), midterm (20%) and final exam (65%). The final exam schedule will be posted to the law school website. Both the midterm and final exam will be administered electronically.

## **Office Hours**

I encourage everyone schedule a conversation with me, whether to talk about class material, career goals, or anything else. Too often, students who are struggling don't come to office hours until the end of the semester. Remember—don't be ashamed, and ask me your questions as they come up – waiting until days before the final is hazardous.

## **Workload Expectations**

The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools contain a formula for calculating the amount of work that constitutes one credit hour. According to ABA Standard 310(b)(1), a “credit hour” is an amount of work that reasonably approximates: (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time. This is a 3-credit hour class, meaning that we will spend two 75-minute blocks of time together each week (scheduled for Wednesday and Friday, except for the initial class scheduled during Orientation Week). The amount of assigned reading and out of class preparation should take you about 6 hours for the week. All told, applying the ABA standard to the number of credits offered for this class, you should plan on spending a total of 9 hours per week (3 in class and 6 preparing for class) on course-related work.

## **COVID-19**

SIUC's policy on face masks and social distancing is consistent with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health. For up-to-date information, students, faculty, and staff should visit SIUC's COVID website (<https://siu.edu/coronavirus>), which includes the Saluki Safety Plan. People can also send email to [pandemicinfor@siu.edu](mailto:pandemicinfor@siu.edu).

## **Saluki Cares**

The purpose of Saluki Cares is to develop, facilitate and coordinate a university-wide program of care and support for students in any type of distress—physical, emotional, financial, or personal. By working closely with faculty, staff, students, and their families, SIU will continue to display a culture of care and demonstrate to our students and their families that they are an important part of the community. For Information on Saluki Cares: (618) 453-2461, or [siucares@siu.edu](mailto:siucares@siu.edu), <https://salukicare.siu.edu/>. Assistant Dean Judi Ray is available at the School of Law to help students access university resources. Please email her at [judiray@siu.edu](mailto:judiray@siu.edu), or call 618- 453-3135.

## **Disability Policy**

SIU Carbondale is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all students with disabilities. Disability Support Services coordinates the implementation of accommodations. If you think you may be eligible for accommodations but have not yet obtained approval, please contact DSS immediately at 618-453-5738 or [disabilityservices.siu.edu](http://disabilityservices.siu.edu). You may request accommodations at any time, but timely requests help to ensure accommodations are in place when needed. Accommodations and services are determined through an interactive process with students and may involve consideration of specific course design and learning objectives in consultation with faculty. Upon completion of a Disability Accommodation Agreement with DSS, students should bring the agreements for each course to the School of Law Registrar's Office to ensure the School of Law provides the proper classroom and examination accommodations. SIU Carbondale is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible

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### **Emergency Procedures**

We ask that you become familiar with **Emergency Preparedness @ SIU**. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, on the Emergency Preparedness @ SIU website, and through text and email alerts. To register for alerts, visit <http://emergency.siu.edu/>.

## Provisional Reading

This reading is tentative—updated syllabuses will be posted to the TWEN class website. When problems are assigned, you only need to read them before class unless the syllabus says otherwise.

August 22 Introduction to Property – 3-17  
August 24 The Bundle of Rights – 17-21 and 38-47 + Ownership Module 21-27  
August 29 Types of Property – 55-80  
August 31 Findings – 85-114  
September 5 Labor Day – no class.  
September 7 Allocation – 114-127, 139-144 – Problem 1 Due  
September 12 Resources – 144-171  
September 14 IP Part 1 – IP Module 55-67, INS v. AP (on TWEN)  
September 19 IP Part 2 – IP Module 1-27 – Problem 3 Due  
September 21 IP Part 3 – IP Module 27-31, 43-55  
September 26 Finders and Stealers – 172-191 – Problem 2 Due  
September 28 Adverse Possession – 191-220  
October 3 Chattels and Improvers – 220-252 – Problem 4 Due  
October 5 Bailments & Liens – 252-276  
October 10/12 No classes this week – Midterms. Midterm is Monday 10/10.  
October 17 Estates – 277-294  
October 19 Estates II – 294-318  
October 24 Future Interests – 318-339  
October 26 Marketability – 339-352, Handout  
October 31 Easements– 352-385  
November 2 Trusts and Corporations – 385-402  
November 7 Co-Ownership – 402-430  
November 9 Joint Tenancy – 430-446  
November 14 Marital Interests – 446-463  
November 16 Leasing – 463-493  
Nov. 21, 23 No Class - Thanksgiving  
November 28 Tenant Defaults – 493-529 – Problem 5 Due  
November 30 Landlord’s (and Tenant’s) Duties – 529-565 – Problem 6 Due  
December 6 through December 16 - finals weeks