

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF LAW
CONFLICT OF LAWS
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SYLLABUS (FALL 2010)

Course Description and Learning Objectives: Conflicts studies choice of laws, recognition of judgments and jurisdiction in cases dealing with more than one state or country.

Course Materials: Symeonides, et al. *Conflict of Laws: American, Comparative, International, Cases and Materials* (2nd ed. West) is the casebook. Assignments are on the reverse of this Syllabus. Supplemental readings are Siegel & Borchert, *Conflicts in a Nutshell* (3rd ed. Thomson/West) (for a quick and easy look at the subject) and Weintraub, *Commentary on the Conflict of Laws* (5th ed. Foundation Press) (for what may be more than you really want to know about Conflicts). Neither of the supplemental readings are required but are suggested only in the event you feel a need for more than the casebook treatment.

Course Methodology: The course will be presented by a combination of lectures and Socratic method recitation and discussion.

Grades: Class participation will account for 10% of the grade. Preparation will be necessary for class participation. Being unprepared more than twice will result in reduction of the participation credit, unless exemplary participation at other times makes up for the deficiencies. If you are unprepared, you will be given ample opportunity to make up for it. The remainder of the grade will be based on an essay examination. I will follow the recommended grade curve.

Class Attendance: Attendance will be taken by circulating a roll sheet each class session. A student may miss three class periods without penalty. Failure to attend any class session above that will result in loss of one grade point, on the 12 point scale. For example, absence from a sixth class session would drop an A+ to an A.

Seating Assignment: To help me become acquainted with each of you by name, please select a seat and sit there each class session.

Tape Recording: Is permitted.

Office Hours: I will be happy to meet with you after class at anytime. Let me know at the class session. If you prefer, call my law office (236-5400) to make an appointment.

Accommodation for Students With Disabilities: Any student who has a disability that prevent fully demonstrating ability should contact the Associate Dean of the College of Law as soon as possible. We will happily accommodate to insure full participation and facilitate your educational opportunity.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please note that this class will meet for fewer than the normal number of class meetings but for a slightly longer time at each meeting. Note the schedule of class meetings on the reverse of this Syllabus.

CONFLICTS - FALL 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

Below is a listing of the dates on which we will meet and the reading assignment for each day. Instead of meeting for the usual time on each class day for 14 weeks (28 class days) we will meet for only 22 class days and will make up the extra time needed to make the class meet the required number of minutes during the semester by staying slightly later (until 5:43 each day). The reading assignment is Symeonides, et al., *Conflict of Laws: American, Comparative, International*.

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09/09/10	197-244	10/28/10	779-820
09/15/10	244-269	11/03/10	820-853
09/16/10	289-302	11/04/10	854-891 894-931
09/22/10	302-346	11/10/10	Reserved for Make-Up
09/23/10	346-388	11/11/10	Reserved for Make-Up
09/29/10	388-430	11/17/10	Reserved for Make-Up
09/30/10	430-470	11/18/10	Reserved for Make-up
10/06/10	470-510	11/24/10	NO CLASS
10/07/10	510-548	11/25/10	NO CLASS
		12/01/10	Reserved for Make-up
		12/02/10	Reserved for Make-up