SAMPLE SYLLABUS

Econ XXX  Law and Economics

This is a one-semester course designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of law and economics, focusing on the common law areas of torts, contracts, property, criminal law, legal procedure, and antitrust law. The course presumes a familiarity with principles of microeconomics but no background knowledge of law. The primary reading for the course is:


In addition, key articles and cases are provided as a resource for further inquiry, class discussions, and/or written assignments.

Course Outline and Readings

I. Introduction
   **Text:** Chapter 1


II. Tort Law

A. The Economic Model of Accidents
   **Text:** Chapter 2


   *U.S. v. Carroll Towing Co.*, 159 F.2d 169, 2d Cir. (1947).

B. Applying the Model of Accidents
   **Text:** Chapter 3


III. Contract Law
A. Defining a Valid Contract

Text: Chapter 4


_Alaska Packers’ Assn. v. Domenico_, 117 F. 99, 9th Cir. (1902).


B. Remedies for Breach of Contract

Text: Chapter 5


IV. Property Law

A. Property Rights and Consensual Exchange

Text: Chapter 6

B. Non-consensual Exchange and Regulation of Property

**Text:** Chapter 7


V. The Economics of Crime and Law Enforcement

**Text:** Chapter 8


VI. Legal Procedure and Dispute Resolution

**Text:** Chapter 9


**VII. Antitrust Law**

**Text:** Chapter 10


*Standard Oil Co. v. United States*, 221 U.S. 1, (1911).