

Students in POSC 380/ LEST 380 (Introduction to Law): Section 12 (2:00 pm)

Welcome back to the University of Delaware campus for the Spring 2019 semester. Here is some information about the course before the first class meets on Tuesday, February 12.

First, POSC 380 and LEST 380 are the same class and meet together. There are two sections of the class. Both sections meet in Room 219 in Gore Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Section 12 meets at 2:00 pm; Section 13 meets at 3:30 pm.

Second, the textbook for the class is Henry R. Cheeseman, *Business Law: Legal Environment, Online Commerce, etc.* (Prentice Hall, 9th edition). There are new and used copies of the hardback edition available in the bookstore. There also are loose-leaf and electronic editions available, which may be less expensive and more convenient. In any event, do **not** buy an older edition as the material (and pagination) is different, and do not buy the new 10<sup>th</sup> edition, which is more expensive. There is an optional study guide that *may* be useful to some students, but I do not particularly recommend it.

You can find the syllabus and other information about the class on the homepage for POSC/LEST 380 at: <http://udel.edu/~pollack/POSC380.htm>

On the first day of class, I will review the syllabus and some administrative matters, and then get right into the material from chapter 1. So please read Chapter 1 (pp. 1-16) **before** class on February 12. You are **not** required to read any of the court cases in the textbook except those that are expressly listed on the syllabus. None are for the first week. I also will explain how legal research is conducted. Here is a summary for “briefing” a court case:

<http://udel.edu/~pollack/POSC%20380/handouts/Briefing%20a%20Court%20Case.pdf>

Finally, please check out the legal database “Lexis/Nexis Academic” (now known as “Nexis Uni”). This is an electronic databases on the UD Library homepage. It is used to find court cases and conduct legal research. <https://library.udel.edu/databases/>

Enjoy the remainder of the winter break, and I will see you in class on Tuesday, February 12.

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