

Communication Law

Professor Chase

Course Syllabus

Fall 2013

General

Course Information

Course Name	Communication Law
Course Number	6308
Number of Credits	3
Day / Time	TTh 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Professor Information

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Course Description

Traditionally, there have been two types of communication law courses. One is essentially a mass media course, focusing on First Amendment issues crucial to newsprint or broadcast journalist. The other, far less common, approaches communications as a type of regulated industry. It focuses rather on the methods of distributing the content rather than the content itself. As such, the course of study in this latter approach focuses on the entry, pricing, and structural regulations that govern the 'pipes' through which we receive content. Recently, a third genre of academic approach has emerged. This most recent approach focuses on cutting edge developments in cyberspace. As you can see, none of these provide an introduction and comprehensive course of study that will prepare students for the array of modern communications problems. This course will seek to do just that.

Course Requirements

Students are responsible for being present pursuant to administration policy and prepared for class each day. Reading assignments are tailored to ensure a manageable amount of

material for each class. The materials covered in the readings are the starting point – not the goal – of each day's class. The student who desires to master the materials and concepts must expect to engage in additional analysis and synthesis.

Text / Other Materials

Title: Kang's Communications Law and Policy

Author: Jerry Kang

Edition: 4th Edition

Publisher: Foundation Press

Grading

Your grade will be derived principally from a thirty page paper. Please submit both electronic and physical copies of your research paper. Your research paper should rely on no fewer than fifteen sources. In addition, your final grade may change by up to one letter grade based on a subjective evaluation of your classroom attendance, preparation, and participation.

Attendance

Any absence from class must be excused. Being substantially unprepared for class (as determined by the Professor) will be counted as an absence.