

24326 – INTRODUCTION TO THE LAW OF MEXICO

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SYLLABUS

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Required texts in the course are: photocopied course materials available in the UH Law Center Copy Center. Supplementary reading materials will be distributed throughout the semester.

- (1) JAN. 17 – INTRODUCTION TO MEXICAN LEGAL HISTORY
 - Read chapters 1 and 2 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)
 - Supplementary reading: An Overview of Mexico's System of Legal Education. Luis Fernando Perez–Hurtado
- (2) JAN. 24 – MEXICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FEDERALISM AND SEPARATION OF POWERS
 - Read chapters 4 and 5 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)
- (3) JAN. 31 – INTRODUCTION TO THE MEXICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM
 - Read chapters 3 and 6 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)
- (4) FEB. 7 – JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
 - Read chapters 7 and 8 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)
- (5) FEB. 14 – MEXICAN CIVIL PROCEDURE AND CONFLICTS OF LAWS
 - Read chapters 10 and 22 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)
- (6) FEB. 21 – INTRODUCTION TO THE MEXICAN CIVIL CODES
 - Read chapters 14 and 15 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)

(7) FEB. 28 – OBLIGATIONS (CONTRACTUAL AND EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL)

- Read chapter 17 of Mexican Law (photocopied materials)

(8) MAR. 6 – MEXICAN CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE AT A CROSS-ROAD

- Read Mexican Law chapter 11 (photocopied materials)
- Supplementary readings: (1) Notes on Criminal Process and Constitutional Reform in Mexico Today. Carlos Nataren; (2) Criminal Justice Reform in Mexico: an Overview. David A. Shirk.

(9) MAR. 20 – SESSION ON HOW TO RESEARCH MEXICAN LAW

- I will distribute hypothetical problems to be solved by teams
- Guest speaker TBA

(10) MAR. 27 – MEXICAN COMMERCIAL LAW

- Read Mexican Law chapter 18 (photocopied materials)

(11) APR. 3 – PRACTICAL ASPECTS AND INTERACTIONS OF MEXICAN LAW WITH THE U.S. PRACTITIONER

- Supplementary reading: Working with Foreign Counsel. Ignacio Pinto-Leon.
- Guest speaker TBA
- Presentations and discussions of solutions to hypothetical problems

(12) APR. 10 – REGULATION OF THE ECONOMY; ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

- Read Mexican Law chapters 9 and 12 (photocopied materials)
- Supplementary reading: TBA

(13) APR. 17 – THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

- Supplementary readings: (1) NAFTA and You. Ignacio Pinto-Leon. (2) Foreign Direct Investment, Restrictions and Privatization: the Mexican Regulatory Experience. Antonio M. Prida and Mauricio Foeth

(14) APR. 24 – FINAL CLASS/FIESTA/TERTULIA

- Reading to be assigned

MAY 8 – FINAL EXAM