GENERAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

• **Civility.**

• **Student Leaders.** Beginning in the second week of the class, two to four students (on a rotating basis) will be responsible for leading the class discussion. It is your responsibility to coordinate your presentation with your fellow leaders. I will generally begin the class with a summary/outline of the reading and then the student leaders will conduct the rest of the class.

At least 48 hours before your date, you must e-mail to me and the entire class at least one discussion question/issue for the class to consider. I will post this question on the course webpage. Everyone should come to class prepared to discuss the questions/issues.

You may have a substitute for any day that you are responsible, but you must inform me ahead of time. Regardless of substitutions, each student must lead the discussion at least twice during the semester.

• **Presentations.** During the last three weeks of class, students will present their papers to the class. Each student must e-mail to me and the class at least 72 hours before the presentation any handout of no more than 3 double-spaced pages (with one-inch margins and 12 point Times New Roman font) that he/she would like the class to have ahead of time. Criteria for grading the presentations are found on the course webpage.

• **Participation.** Class participation, i.e., being a student leader, presenting your topic, and contributing to general class discussion every day will be counted towards your final grade in accordance with the Law Center’s policy.

• **Webpage.** On my faculty page there is a link to the page for the seminar. There you will find a copy of the syllabus and other useful information.

Also, there will be posted discussion questions/issues submitted by the student leaders.

• **Computers.** Students may use computers in class to take notes, unless otherwise directed by me. That is to say that Internet surfing, involvement in chat rooms, use of e-mail, uses that distract others, or uses not generally related to legal education are strictly prohibited. I will treat violation of this policy as a constructive absence on the day of the violation and will include that absence when determining whether the student has met the Law Center’s attendance requirement.

• **Attendance.** Regular class attendance is essential to successful performance in this class. It is incumbent upon each student to be present for the entire class period. An attendance sheet will be circulated at the beginning each class meeting. It is your responsibility to sign the sheet. In accordance with the Law Center’s policy, any student falling below the 80% attendance requirement will be dropped from the course.

• **Americans With Disabilities Act.** Whenever possible, and in accordance with 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the University of Houston will attempt to provide reasonable academic accommodations to students who request and require them. Please contact Assistant Dean Marian Plain at 713-743-2185 for more information.

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