



I. Course Information

Course: LAW 0648 - Torts

Semester and Year: Fall 2017

Course Start and End Dates: 08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017

Course CRN and Section: 21905 L01

Building and Room: Shepard Broad Law Center - LECTR3

II. Instructor Information

Name: Flynn, Michael

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm or when ever I am in my office or by scheduled appointment

III. Class Schedule and Location

Day	Date	Time	Location	Building/Room	Type
TR	08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017	8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Shepard Broad Law Center-LECTR3	CLAS
F	08/21/2017 - 12/10/2017	9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Shepard Broad Law Center-LECTR3	CLAS
T	12/05/2017 - 12/05/2017		Ft Lauderdale/Davie Campus	Exam-EXAM	EXAM

IV. Course Description

This course surveys the traditional and emerging concepts of rights and responsibilities arising from conduct that results in harm to others. This is a required course.

V. Learning Outcomes

Students completing this instructional offering are expected to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of substantive legal doctrine fundamental to this course (e.g., case law, legal concepts, legal principals, regulations and statutes).
2. Identify legal issues and apply legal reasoning and analysis to solve problems in a logical and structured manner to issues covered in this course.
3. Communicate orally or in writing, or both, the legal reasoning and analysis regarding issues covered in this course.

4. Demonstrate a proficiency in reading critically the materials assigned for this course.

VI. Materials and Resources

Section Required Texts and Material:

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS:

Title: TORTS – CASES AND MATERIALS

Author: Prosser et al Publisher: Foundation Press

Edition: 13th

ISBN – 978-1-60930-407-2

Section Recommended Texts and Materials:

Recommended Resources:

I would highly recommend the following two additional books as study aids: 1) Dobbs, HANDBOOK ON TORTS, West Publishing (any edition) and Glannon, EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS OF TORTS, Aspen Publishing (any edition). A copy of both of these texts is available in the library.

Book Url: [NSU Book Store](#)

VII. Course Requirements

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each student is responsible for the information contained in the accompanying Reading Assignments including the notes following the cases in the textbook and any handout material and other information discussed in class.
2. Each student is expected to be prepared and participate in each class. Preparation for class includes reading the assigned materials and briefing all of the cases. For this class the “IRAC” briefing methodology should be utilized. The “IRAC” methodology requires student to analyze a case using the following point headings: case name and date of decision, essential substantive and procedural facts, issue(s), and rules of law, reasoning and conclusion.
3. If a student leaves the classroom during class for any reason, then the student may not return to class until the class period is over. Likewise, a student may not enter class late.

VIII. Course Schedule and Topic Outline

Course Schedule:

COURSE SCHEDULE AND TOPIC OUTLINE:

Class schedule subject to modification, but not without prior notification.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Attached is the READING ASSIGNMENTS for this class. The references to “Prosser” page numbers are references to pages in your textbook. Please note that you are responsible for all of the material contained in the textbook reading assignment including the cases, the text notes preceding and following the cases and the other supplemental material contained in the reading assignments. If a portion of the assignment says “read only,” you do not have to brief the cases but will be responsible for the material. In addition, there will be handout materials that will be assigned for particular classes.

I have divided the reading assignments by weeks and noted the number of classes for a particular week. I would suggest that you prepare for my class one week at a time and then set aside about 30 minutes before class to review your cases briefs and other supplemental material before you come to class.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Section 1 meets Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am-9:15am and Friday from 9:00am-10:15am in Lecture Room # 3. Please note there may be other class days as well.

WEEK 1	PROSSER, 17-32; 35-49; 53-61
8/22-24-25(3)	
WEEK 2	PROSSER, 61-96
8/29-31-9/1(3)	

WEEK 3 9/5-7-8 (3)	PROSSER, 96-135
WEEK 4 9/12-14-15 (3)	PROSSER, 139-151 (read only); 151-180
WEEK 5 9/19-20(2)	PROSSER, 180-194; 199-204; 218-225; 238-243
WEEK 6 9/26-28-29(3)	PROSSER, 243-250 (read only); 251-278
WEEK 7 10/3-5-6(3)	PROSSER 278-290; 299-311
WEEK 8 10/10-12-13(3)	PROSSER, 313-355; Notes 362 and Wagner case-366;
WEEK 9 10/17-19-20(3)	PROSSER, 372-388; 396-409; 437-457
WEEK 10 10/24-26-27(3)	NO CLASS
WEEK 11 10/31-11/2-3(3)	PROSSER, 469-484; 501-523; 593-617(read only) 619-624;
WEEK 12 11/7-9-10(3)	PROSSER, 626-660; 733-746;750-765 767-781 (read only);
WEEK 13 11/14-16-17 (3)	PROSSER, Notes 781-792; 797-816
WEEK 14 11/21(1)	FINAL EXAM REVIEW

IX. Grading Criteria

Final Grade:

GRADING CRITERIA:

Final Course Grade:

A student's grade in this course will be based on the final exam. The final exam for this course will consist of essay questions and/or several short answer or multiple-choice or true/false questions. There will be a series of ungraded review questions offered during the term as well as an ungraded practice exam.

Grading Scale: The College of Law uses the following grading system:

A	4.00
A-	3.75
B+	3.50
B	3.00
B-	2.75
C+	2.50
C	2.00
C-	1.75
D+	1.50
D	1.00

D-	0.75
F (or WF)	0.00

AU Audit; no credit or effect on average

I Incomplete

P Pass; no effect on average

W Withdrawal

X. Course Policies

Attendance Policy:

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This course follows more strict attendance policies than detailed in the *Code of Academic Regulations* available at:

<https://intranet.law.nova.edu/intranet/students/student-services/documents/CodeOfAcademicRegulationMay2014>

The attendance policies for this course are as follows:

Every student is required and expected to attend every class. I will take daily attendance through the use of a seating chart. Absent a family or other personal emergency, a student is permitted four (4) absences. The fifth absence shall result in the student being withdrawn from the course and receipt of a grade of F.

Credit Hour Requirements:

OUT OF CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to read all assigned materials and be prepared for all classes. As set forth in ABA Standard 310, students should spend a minimum of two hours of out-of-class preparation for every in-class hour in accordance with the *Code of Academic Regulations* available at:

https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code_of_Academic_Regulations.pdf

XI. College Policies

Students should visit <http://www.nova.edu/academic-affairs/nsu-syllabus-policy.html> to access additional required college-wide policies and

https://www.law.nova.edu/about/documents/Code_of_Academic_Regulations.pdf for policies specific to the College of Law. It is your responsibility to access and carefully read these policies to ensure you are fully informed. As a student in this class, you are obligated to follow these policies in addition to the policies established by your instructor.

The following policies are described on these websites:

- Academic misconduct
- Last day to withdraw
- Email policy
- Student course evaluations
- Student responsibility to register
- Student responsibility for course prerequisites
- Class Preparation
- Graduation Requirements, etc.

Additional Academic Resources: Nova Southeastern University offers a variety of resources that may aid in student success. Among these resources is:

Accommodations for students with documented disabilities. For more information about ADA policy, services, and procedures, students may call the Office of Student Disability Services at 954-262-7189 or visit <http://www.nova.edu/disabilityservices>.