



University of Pennsylvania · Instructor and Course Evaluation Report

LGST213001, LEG ASP ENTREPRENSHIP, Spring, 2016

HOCHSTADTER, CAROLYN

Term	Spring, 2016 (2016A)	Enrollment	24	School	WHARTON
Activity Type	LEC	Eligible	24	Division	-
Cross Listed Sections	-	Responses	21	Department	LEGAL STUDIES AND BUSINESS ETHICS
		Response Rate	88%	Subject	LEGAL STUDIES & BUSINESS ETHICS

Question and Scale	Average Ratings				This Instructor Only Worst Rating...Best Rating					Responses
	Instructor	Section	Course	-	0	1	2	3	4	
1 Overall quality of the instructor. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	3.38	3.38	3.38	-	0%	5%	0%	48%	48%	21
2 Overall quality of the course. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	3.24	3.24	3.24	-	0%	0%	24%	29%	48%	21
3 Please rate the difficulty of the course. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Easy, Somewhat Easy, Neutral, Somewhat Difficult, Difficult</i>	2.60	2.60	2.60	-	7%	0%	27%	60%	7%	15
4 Instructor was appropriately accessible outside of class time. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	3.13	3.13	3.13	-	0%	0%	20%	47%	33%	15
5 Overall quality of the TA(s), if applicable. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	2.80	2.80	2.80	-	0%	0%	40%	40%	20%	5
6 Instructor's ability to communicate the subject matter. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	2.93	2.93	2.93	-	7%	0%	13%	53%	27%	15
7 Instructor's ability to stimulate student interest. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	3.13	3.13	3.13	-	0%	7%	7%	53%	33%	15
8 Value of assigned readings. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	2.60	2.60	2.60	-	0%	20%	27%	27%	27%	15
9 Amount learned from this course in terms of knowledge, concepts, skills and thinking ability. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent</i>	3.27	3.27	3.27	-	0%	0%	13%	47%	40%	15
10 Please rate the amount of work required for this course. <i>Scale: 0 to 4: Very Little, Little, Neutral, Much, Very Much</i>	2.53	2.53	2.53	-	0%	7%	47%	33%	13%	15
11 Would you recommend this course to a major? <i>Scale: 0 to 4: No, May Not, Would Consider, Yes, Strongly</i>	3.13	3.13	3.13	-	0%	7%	13%	40%	40%	15
12 Would you recommend this course to a non-major? <i>Scale: 0 to 4: No, May Not, Would Consider, Yes, Strongly</i>	2.60	2.60	2.60	-	0%	20%	20%	40%	20%	15
13 To your knowledge, has there been cheating in this course? <i>Scale: 0 to 1: Yes, No</i>	1.00	-	-	-	0%	100%	-	-	-	12

Cheating Comment

none

Comment Suggestion

excellent

The course has practical value, ties in real/hypothetical examples consistently and covers many topics efficiently. There were many technical details, but Prof. Hochstadter did a good job of presenting information in multiple ways, i.e. charts, slides, summaries, hypotheticals. There was a significant amount of reading and although a handful was supplementary it was easy to fall behind on reading if you had a busy week, even though lecture was still clear and valuable without having done the reading. Having the lectures recorded was quite useful to review concepts or in case you missed a class. The balance of content on the slides and discussed in lecture was well done, since there wasn't an overwhelming number of text-heavy slides and the concepts were explained in detail verbally. The color coding was also helpful. It was also refreshing to see humor incorporated and especially the creative hypotheticals that made otherwise dry legalese more engaging. I would have nonetheless liked to have seen a few more real life examples in the hypos. The pacing of the class also was sometimes thrown off a bit as a time was allocated to trying to work through the hypos before really understanding the concepts and then sometimes the actual concepts and answers were reviewed a bit hastily. I would also suggest perhaps reordering some of the topics such as moving IP earlier and securities law later based on difficulty level and relevance. The guest lectures were insightful and offered a different perspective from those in the field, but seemed to be scheduled one after another and might have been better spaced out a bit more. I think the mix of students in the class was also interesting and it was valuable for those looking for a foundation in law, background to complement finance and aspiring entrepreneurs. I would perhaps focus more on the issues a young company faces since more mature companies typically have more lawyers to consult and students may not encounter such issues in their careers until much further along the road. The assignments also focused on thinking through key issues and helped reinforce the material. The course was a reasonable level of difficulty in that you felt like you were learning and sufficiently challenged without everything being daunting. Prof. Hochstadter really knew her stuff and it was evident she put in a lot of effort into structuring the course and giving feedback on assignments. Overall, an incredibly valuable course that covered a lot of ground efficiently.

Carolyn is awesome, really fun professor and teaches the course very well!