

**CONTRACTS II**  
**LAW 103-003**  
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**Course schedule/meeting times:**

Tuesday and Thursday 1:50-3:15 PM

Final exam: April 24

**Office hours:** Wednesday 12:00-1:00 PM or by appointment (Hazel Hall 440E)

**Required texts:**

Casebook: Contract Law and Theory, Robert Scott & Jody Kraus (5th ed.)

Supplement: Contract Law and Theory, Selected Provisions (5th ed.)

**Course overview/description:**

This course offers an introduction to contract law, theory and practice. This semester we will focus on contract interpretation, performance obligations, breach and remedies. We will explore the legal arguments made (or can be made) by each side of the dispute, the legal reasoning behind court rulings, and the purposes/policy goals the various legal rules are designed to serve.

**Learning outcomes:** By the end of the course, students will understand and be able to apply:

- Rules of interpretation and parol evidence
- Mistake and excuse doctrines
- Doctrines related to performance obligations and conditions
- The universe of contract remedies for breach

**Basis of evaluation & assessments:**

Grading will be based on the final exam. The exam will be open book and will likely consist of a series of essay questions based on the material covered in class. I reserve the right to adjust your grade down for lack of reading preparation.

**Instructor expectations:** Students are expected to arrive to each class prepared to discuss the assigned material, including the relevant UCC and Restatement (Second) provisions.

**Course rules/structure:** I will call on several students each class. On the evening before class, I will post on TWEN the names of students who are expected to be called on the next day. Please note, however, that I expect everyone to be prepared for each class.

**Feedback:** I welcome constructive feedback via email at any time.

**Attendance:** This course adheres to the law school's attendance policy. Regular and punctual attendance are required to earn academic credit. Should circumstances occur where you anticipate the possibility of missing a substantial number of class sessions (e.g. a serious illness), you should immediately contact the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs.

**Class recordings prohibited:** Pursuant to Academic Regulation 4-2.2, no portion of a class session or an examination may be preserved by means of a recording device such as an audio recording device or camera. Any exceptions to this policy must be expressly permitted in writing by me.

**Exam conflicts:** In accordance with Academic Regulation 4-4.1, excuses and requests for permission not to sit for an examination when scheduled must be presented, with appropriate documentation, to the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs. Except in emergencies, such requests should be presented no later than two weeks before the date of the examination.

**Academic integrity:** It is expected that students adhere to the Antonin Scalia Law School Honor Code. The Honor Code prohibits lying, cheating, or stealing. This includes a student obligation to never represent the work of another as their own, and to never provide or accept unauthorized assistance on any school related assignment. The Honor Code is available here: <https://sls.gmu.edu/honor/>.

**Classroom Accommodations:** Disability Services at George Mason University is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students by upholding laws that ensure equal treatment of people with disabilities. If you are seeking accommodations for this class, please visit <https://ds.gmu.edu/> for detailed information about the Disabilities Registration Process. Faculty may not receive or respond to requests for an accommodation. All requests must be handled by the office of Disability Services. You may contact Disability Services directly via email at [ods@gmu.edu](mailto:ods@gmu.edu) or phone at (703) 993-2474. If you have any questions about how in-class or testing accommodations are implemented at the law school, please contact the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs for more information.

### **Additional School Policies And Resources:**

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Academic regulations - [Click Here](#)

**University life:** University Life provides student support resources such as **Counseling and Psychological Services** (<https://caps.gmu.edu/>), **Student Health Services** (<https://shs.gmu.edu/>), and the **Student Support and Advocacy Center** (<https://ssac.gmu.edu/>). For more information about University Life on the Arlington Campus, please visit: <https://ularlington.gmu.edu/>

**Assignments:**

*The assigned page numbers are from the Scott and Kraus book. The assignments are tentative and will be updated throughout the semester.*

Statute of Frauds

Class 1: 514-532

Interpretation

Class 2: 537-552

Class 3: 553-561; review *Danann* (428-432)

Class 4&5: 568-593

Class 6: 593-609

Mistake and Excuse

Class 7: 691-710

Class 8: 710-727

Class 9: 727-738; 85-90

Class 10: 738-757

Class 11: 759-772

Performance

Class 12: 613-620; 74-81

Class 13: 620-636

Class 14: 636-639; 649-669

Class 15: 669-678; 66-74

Breach

Class 16: 775-794

Class 17: 811-829

Remedies

Class 18: 94-108; 841-846

Class 19: 846-856

Class 20: 857-865; 108-115

Class 21: 865-877

Class 22: 877-895

Class 23: 914-929; 115-124

Class 24: 929-940

Class 25: 941-956

Class 26: catch-up and review