Law 700 - National Security Law  
Professor Banks  
Fall 2008

Syllabus # 1


Assignments: We will sometimes cover one or more assignments per class. Other assignments will require two or three class days. Classroom participation is expected; preparation is assumed. A "participation group" system will be explained during the first class. In addition, each of you will be asked to contribute to group presentations to the class during the semester. One additional syllabus will be distributed later in the semester. If you have a disability that may affect your performance in this class, see Assistant Dean Tomas Gonzales in suite 444 to discuss necessary accommodations.

Examinations and Grades: Your grade for the course will be determined by your scores on three take-home exams. The exams will be distributed on Thursday, September 25, Tuesday, November 4, and Thursday, December 4. They will be due on Thursday, October 2, Tuesday, November 11, and Tuesday, December 9. These exams will be based on problems in the text, or on other problems that I prepare. Excellence in class participation may weigh in your favor by as much as one-third letter grade. While I have no objection to the use of tape recorders in class, I do object to cell phone, pager, or other like interruptions. Please be sure that any such device is turned off during class sessions. In addition, laptops may be used in class only for taking notes; internet use and instant messaging are not permitted.

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