

SYLLABUS & SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

This course is a paper-writing seminar designed to help you write a publishable-quality paper on some subject relating to Space law. You can meet the Expository Writing requirement with this course; however, if you have already met the requirement, you must still write an Expository-quality paper. That means approximately 25 pages, with two drafts and an outline. An outline of your topic will be due on February 28. A rough draft will be due on March 24. The final version is due the April 28.

The first phase of this course consists of discussion and reading on a number of selected topics. Assignments will come from Reynolds & Merges, *Outer Space: Problems of Law & Policy* (Second Ed., 1998) and from other materials that I gather from time to time. I will also email you links to various web materials, via the class email list that I will set up.

The second phase of this course will consist of student presentations. (This presentation, as well, will constitute a significant part of your grade). Each student will present ideas and drafts for group discussion and advice. In light of this, you are also allowed – and, in fact, encouraged – to discuss paper ideas and exchange drafts outside of class, though of course you must still write your own paper and not have someone else do so. If we get through the presentations on schedule, there will be a week or so in which class will not meet, to allow you to finish up writing. I will, however, be cheerfully available for consultation then, and throughout the semester.

Because this class meets only once a week, your attendance is very important, as is your preparation and participation. This will be reflected in your grade.

Schedule of Topics (Subject to Change)

1. Introduction: Chapters 1 & 2
2. The Outer Space Treaty of 1967 and related matters, Ch. 3.
3. Space Property Rights: Ch. 4
4. Space Environmental Matters: Ch. 5.
5. Commercial Space: Ch., 8
7. Space Tourism (TBA)
8. Military Space matters (TBA)
9. Contact with Extraterrestrials; Governance of Space Societies (Chs. 9 &10)
10. TBA
11. Student Presentations
12. Student Presentations
13. Student Presentations