Description:
An examination of the remedies provided by law for recourse when an injurious act is committed by one person or entity against another. Students learn 1) the basic differences between criminal law and tort law; 2) the distinguishing features of intentional torts, negligence torts, and strict liability torts; 3) the elements for a cause of action; 4) the determining factors for foreseeability, cause in fact, and proximate cause; and, 5) the categories of basic business torts.

Location and Times: Doane College, Lincoln
Wednesday, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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Textbook Materials:

Course Objectives:
After completing the course instruction, the student should have a heightened awareness of the component parts and processes of Tort civil litigation. This awareness will be achieved by mastering the following areas contained within the course material:

1. Basic differences between criminal law and tort law;
2. Distinguishing features of intentional torts, negligence torts, and strict liability torts;
3. Elements for a cause of action;
4. Determining factors for foreseeability, cause in fact, and proximate cause; and,
5. Categories of basic business torts.

Assessment of Student Performance and Grading:
Students will be able to obtain a total of 300 points from assignments, discussions and examinations conducted during the course. The number of points that a student will be able to earn, is as follows:

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Summary of Examinations and Assignments:

Final Examination: The exam will consist of essays and short answer questions that will cover the entire content of the course. The exam will be a take home test.

Tort Assignment: The student will choose a topic and write a paper regarding a specific tort action that he or she finds of interest. The topic should encompass an area of tort law regarding substantive content, and should include case law and statutory materials as reference sources. (Paper should be no greater than 5 pages).

Course Policies:

Attendance: Student attendance at all class meetings is expected. If a student will be unable to attend a class meeting, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor and perform any necessary makeup or additional assignments given to the student by the instructor. Students should obtain class notes from a fellow classmate, and the absent student is responsible for all material covered on the day of the absence. Two or more unexcused absences may result in a failing grade.

Grading Scale: The grading scale is based on a nine point, A, B, C, D, F plus scale, and is as follows:

- A+ 100 - 96
- A  94 - 90
- B+ 89 - 85
- B  84 - 80
- C+ 79 - 75
- C  74 - 70
- D+ 69 - 65
- D  64 - 60
- F  59 - below

Late Assignments: Assignments that are turned in late during the duration of the course prior to December 17, 2014 are downgraded by one letter grade. For each additional week the assignment is late, an additional letter grade is reduced off the original score given. All assignments must be completed and handed in by December 17, 2014 to receive any credit.

Academic Integrity: The Doane College Academic Integrity Policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others’ ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of undergraduate studies.

Format of Writings: All assignments should be typed, double spaced, with one-inch margins, and using a font no larger than 12 pt. in Times New Roman, Arial or Courier. If you have any questions regarding this requirement please contact your instructor.
Course Schedule and Readings:

Oct 22  Chapter 1  Introduction to Torts and Negligence

Oct 29  Chapter 2  First Element of Negligence: Duty
         Chapter 3  Second Element of Negligence: Breach of Duty
         *Pick Tort Assignment topic*

Nov 5   Chapter 4  Third Element of Negligence: Causation of Injury
         Chapter 5  Fourth Element of Negligence: Damages

Nov 12  Chapter 7  The Defense to Negligence
         Chapter 8  Medical Malpractice

Nov 19  Chapter 9  Intentional Torts to Persons
         Chapter 10 Intentional Torts to Property
         *Tort Assignment Due*

Nov 26  No Class

Dec 3   Chapter 11 The Defenses to Intentional Torts and Immunities
         Chapter 12 Strict Liability and Products Liability
         *Final Exam Handed Out*

Dec 10  *Final Exam Due*
        No Class