Tentative Outline of Course

I. Choice of Law in Private Disputes (6½ weeks)

   Ch. 1 Before the Revolution: The Black Letter Rules (5 hrs)
   Ch. 2 Maneuvering within the Traditional Rules (5 hrs)
   Ch. 3 Modern Conflicts Analysis -- Torts (8 hrs)
   Ch. 4 Modern Conflicts Analysis -- Intentional Acts (8 hrs)
      -- Contracts
      -- Donative Transfers
      -- Party Autonomy in Choice of Law

II. The Constitution and Conflict of Laws (1½ weeks)

   Ch. 5 The Constitution and Choice of Law (3 hrs)
   Ch. 6 Federal Courts and Conflict of Laws --
      The Erie Question (3 hrs)

III. Jurisdiction and Judgments (4½ weeks)

   Ch. 7* Jurisdiction of Courts (9 hrs)
      -- The U.S. Supreme Court and Jurisdiction to Adjudicate
      -- The European Convention/Regulation on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments
      -- Property-based Litigation
      -- Forum Selection in International Transactions
      -- Forum Non Conveniens, Lis Pendens and Parallel Litigation

   Ch. 8* Recognition of Foreign Judgments and Awards (8 hrs)
      -- Within the Federal Union
      -- Foreign Country Judgments in the United States
      -- Foreign Judgments in Europe without a Treaty
      -- The EU Convention/Regulation Again
      -- Recognition of Arbitral Awards and the New York Convention
      -- The Hague Jurisdiction and Judgments Convention
         As Proposed, and as Adopted

IV. International Law and Conflict of Laws (1½ weeks)

   Ch. 10 International Law and Conflict of Laws (7 hrs)
      -- Conflict of Laws on the International Stage
      -- Public Policy in an International Context
      -- Antitrust and Securities Regulation
      -- Economic Sanctions and Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
      -- Expropriation and the Act of State Doctrine
For the first class, please read § 1.01, Torts: The Place of Injury, pp. 1-13 in A. Lowenfeld, Conflict of Laws Second Revised Edition (2002)