1. COURSE MATERIAL

(a) The required textbook is Dukeminier & Sitkoff, WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES (10th ed. 2017) (ISBN: 978-1-4548-7642-7). Unfortunately, there are substantial changes between the 9th and 10th edition, so it is not advisable to buy or borrow a prior edition.

(b) There also is an optional text: THOMAS P. GALLANIS, UNIFORM TRUST & ESTATE STATUTES (ed. 2017-2018) (ISBN 13: 9781683286394). This volume is optional because the overwhelming majority of the statutory provisions we will study are contained (in scattered places) in the Casebook. Some students prefer to have the statutes in a separate, organized text, however. If you unsure whether you will be satisfied with the Casebook's approach or whether you will prefer working with a separate statutory volume, hold off buying this optional text until later in the semester. Based on my past practice, I would say that most students do not buy the optional text.

2. GRADING AND FINAL EXAMINATION

Final Exam. There is a take-home final examination in this class. It will be distributed on the last day of classes and is due at the end of the examination period. The exam will consist of six essay questions, each of which will have a strict word-count limit, with varying weight for grading purposes. For at least one of the essay questions, there will be a choice between two prompts.

The take-home final exam will be limited open-book, in the sense that students may consult only the material assigned or distributed by me to the class and any material he or she alone has prepared. Student are not permitted or expected to consult or cite to any material other than what was assigned for class. Collaboration is expressly prohibited.

Paper in Lieu of Final Examination. Students have the option of writing a paper for the course in lieu of taking a final exam. School rules require that the paper must be at least 10,000
words and certain processes (submission of outline, submission of draft, etc.) must be followed. For more details, see here: http://www.law.nyu.edu/academicservices/degreerequirements/jdprogram/writingrequirements

3. **Initial Assignments**

For the first class, please read Casebook pp. 1-5, 16-32 (stop before Notes).

For the second class, please:

(a) read Casebook pp. 41-51, 63-84 (stop before "Ancestors, Collaterals and Others");

(b) review these UPC sections:

   - **UPC § 2-101** (CB p. 69)
   - **UPC § 2-102** (CB p. 69)
   - **UPC § 2-103** (CB p. 70)
   - **UPC § 2-105** (CB p. 70)
   - **UPC § 2-106(b)** (CB p. 81)

(c) prepare (in the sense of working out your answers in advance) problems on Casebook pp. 50-51;

(d) prepare (in the sense of working out your answers in advance) problems 1-3 on Casebook pp. 82-83.

I look forward to working with you this semester!