

Course Syllabus

Course Information

<i>Course Number/Section</i>	HMGT 6330.501
<i>Course Title</i>	Healthcare Law, Policy and Regulation
<i>Term</i>	Fall 2015
<i>Days & Times</i>	Thursday 7:00 pm, JSOM 2.804

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Course Description

This course covers how healthcare laws and related regulations are formulated, and the impact of those laws on payors, providers, patients and healthcare businesses. An introduction to the basics of business law is included. In-depth coverage and analysis of implementation of the healthcare reform laws will be featured. Essential laws including fraud and abuse, anti-kickback, false claims, Stark anti-referral provisions, Medicare and Medicaid, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the HITECH Act and related regulations, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) and others will be covered as well as State issues and legal requirements for healthcare related businesses.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

The student will have the opportunity to become familiar with the regulatory backdrop against which all U.S. healthcare related businesses are conducted. I am not teaching students to become healthcare lawyers but instead anticipate that, to be competent administrators in this field, the student must understand that the healthcare industry is the most regulated industry in America, and that there are usually legal implications to business decision making. The student will have a working knowledge of the primary laws that impact various types of health care businesses, and be able to analyze business fact situations to determine whether those laws, regulations and restrictions may apply to a particular situation.

Required Textbooks and Materials

J. Stuart Showalter, The Law of Healthcare Administration, 7th edition (June 2014), ISBN 978-1-56793-644-5

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Students are expected to read all written assignments prior to class. The course requires student participation in class discussions and work groups. There will be a short paper on a health law related subject of the student's choice, the topic to be approved by me not later than the 6th class period (October 1). The paper should conform to length and formatting instructions that will be distributed in class. The paper should involve an issue that is impacted by at least one major or significant health law, with appropriate citations to materials utilized in a separate bibliography, and will include an Executive Summary (not more than one page) that will concisely explain the issue, the related law(s), a summarized analysis and conclusion(s) reached. Following submission of the papers, the students will each present their Executive Summary to the class orally. Two students may prepare a paper together, with each receiving the same grade based on the paper and the oral presentation given by each.

Reading Assignments (Text) and Class Schedule:

Class	Assignments	Topics
1 – August 27	Chapter 1 Chapter 2	The Anglo American Legal System A Brief History of Medicine
2 – September 3	Chapter 4 Chapter 5	Contracts and Intentional Torts Negligence
3 – September 10	Chapter 15	Fraud Laws and Corporate Compliance Criminal Aspects of Healthcare
4 – September 17	Chapter 3	Health Reform, Access to Care, Admission & Discharge
5 – September 24	Chapter 6 Chapter 13	Organization and Management of a Corporate Healthcare Institution Competition and Antitrust Law
6– October 1	Chapter 9 End of class – deadline for approval of paper topics	Health Information Management
7 – October 8	Midterm Examination	
8 – October 15	In – class group project	
9 – October 22	Chapter 7 Chapter 11	Liability of the Healthcare Institution Consent for Treatment and Withholding Consent
10 –October 29	Chapter 8	Medical Staff Privileges and Peer Review Managed Care
11 – November 5	Chapter 10	Emergency Care Employment, Discipline, and Discharge Labor Relations

12 – November 12	Chapter 14 Issues of Reproduction and Birth End of Life Issues Health Law Paper Due
13 – November 19	Chapter 12 Taxation of Healthcare Institutions Executive Summary Presentations
14 – November 26	Thanksgiving – No Class
15 – December 3	Executive Summary Presentations and Final Exam Review
16 – December 10	UTD Reading Day – No Class
17 - December 17	Final Exam

Assignments may be revised during the term – students will be notified of any changes.

Guest Lecturers

Depending on availability, guest lecturers may review a pertinent topic related to health law.

Grading Policy

Grading will be based on student attendance and classroom participation, health law paper, midterm, and final examination. The midterm and final examination will cover assigned readings, lectures, classroom discussions, and handouts. Students who do not attend class regularly or do not participate regularly should not expect to perform as well as those who do.

Class participation & attendance	20 %
Health law paper	25 %
Midterm examination	25 %
Final examination	30 %
Total	100 %

Letter grades will be based on the following scale, and numerical grades will be rounded up to the next number only when they are .6 or higher:

A	94 and above
A-	90 – 93
B+	87 - 89
B	84 - 86
B-	80 - 83
C+	77 - 79
C	74 - 76
C -	70 - 73

Course Policies

Make-up exams or late work:

Contact me if you know you will miss an exam or miss a deadline.

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.