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Course Description  
Introduction to law and the legal system with special emphasis on health related topics and issues.

Course Objectives:  
- Understand legal standards applicable to health care professionals and organizations  
- Understand the role of legal rules and regulations in strategy and planning  
- Use legal reasoning as a broad analytic and communications tool  
- Identify the relationship between ethical values and legal norms  
- Promote ethical values as being integral to effective decision-making  
- Understanding the functions of and interaction between courts, legislatures, regulators  
- Analyzing the role of the legal system in health policy and health care delivery  
- Developing strategies for and ways of communicating with attorneys  
- Applying basic tort, contract, and corporate law principles  
- Understanding law’s limits in providing definitive answers  

Required Texts:  
Other readings as noted in course calendar.

Course Requirements:  
1. Evidence of preparation for weekly class web discussion is determined by participation/completion of assignments. Class Participation will be determined by completion of class assignments for each Unit. Each student will be expected to have read the textbook material assigned, the corresponding web Unit, and completed the assignment for each Unit.  
2. Students are expected to complete a course evaluation at the end of the course.  
3. Final grades will be assigned fairly and impartially based on the following criteria:  
   
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Course Assignments:
All students are expected to have read and complete all assignments. Students are expected to follow instructions associated with the assignments for this course. Students who are confused about an assignment should contact the instructor in a timely manner to insure satisfactory completion of the assignment on the date it is due.

Units will be posted by Monday of the week indicated below. All assignments will be due by the following Monday at 11:59 pm. Assignments posted the following Tuesday will be considered to be late. Unless otherwise indicated in the Unit, each Unit will have a corresponding assignment.

Attendance
If you are unable to meet the deadline for a scheduled Unit and/or Assignment please contact the instructor as soon as possible.

Examination
Each student will take a mid-term examination and a comprehensive final examination that will reflect the student's knowledge of basic legal terminology as well as the basic tort and health care law topics. The examination will consist of objective and essay components.

Evaluation
Instructions for accessing grading rubrics may be added here.

Grading Scale:

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Students with Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the TAMUCC Disability Services Office at 361.825.5816 or visit the office in Driftwood 101.

Academic Honesty
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to a penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work.) [http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~students/JAffairs/ja_code_of_conduct_article3.htm](http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~students/JAffairs/ja_code_of_conduct_article3.htm)

Academic Advising: The College of Nursing and Health Sciences require that students consult with an Academic Advisor regarding their degree plan and/or changes to their degree plan. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan and indicate plan is active by signing the plan. Once
the plan is completed it will be filed in the student’s record. The College's Academic Advising Center is located on the third floor of Island Hall.

**Grade Appeal Process**
As stated in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) Handbook under section VII Policies and Procedures, a student that believes they have an academic grade appeal is encouraged to go though the CONHS academic review process prior to pursuing University Grade Appeal. See the handbook for the process.

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.