

Special Topics in Pharmacy Law

PHR 520-001

- Meeting Time: Mondays 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Meeting Location: 220 College of Pharmacy Building
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- Materials: Resource materials include:
- Fink III JL, Vivian, JC and Reid, KK (eds.) **Pharmacy Law Digest** (36th Rev.) St. Louis, MO: Facts & Comparisons (2001).
- Fink III JL and Vivian, JC. "Laws Governing Pharmacy" Chapter 90 in Gennaro AR. (ed.) **Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy** (20th ed.) Baltimore, MD: Williams & Wilkins (2000), pp. 1595-1624.
- Supplemental reading assignments as distributed.
- Course Content: This course will include an introduction to the law and its impact on pharmacy practice. Topics covered will include Constitutional rights, intellectual property, torts (both negligent and intentional), the law of employment and other issues of contemporary importance.
- Course Description: Discussion of the legal framework and special legal issues in pharmacy practice. Topics will include application of antitrust laws to pharmacy, patent and trademark issues relevant to pharmacy, legal issues related to prescription drug insurance programs, professional liability and legislative issues such as drug product selection.

- Course Grading: The grade will be determined by two examinations, one approximately half way through the semester and the other at the conclusion of the course during the week for final examinations. Each grade will count as 50 percent of the course grade. For conversion from numerical to letter grades this scale will be used:
A = 90 -100 C = 70 - 79 E = below 60
B = 80 - 89 D = 60 - 69
- Attendance: Attendance at class sessions is the responsibility of the student. Be advised that examinations draw heavily from information discussed in class and absence during the discussions may cause one to be at risk with regard to material covered, specifically the nuances of legal rules.
- Review of Examinations: An examination will be reviewed in class at the next class session following administration of the test. Following that discussion in class, individual examination papers will be available for review by appointment. To make an appointment please call Mrs. Carolyn Solomon at 257-2300 ext. 271. By making an appointment you'll be certain that I'll be there to answer any questions you may have while looking over your work. That session also presents the opportunity to review the grading of your work. If you feel an error has been made that session is the one forum you have to question grading.
- Missed Examinations: Examinations missed without prior notification will be graded as zero. If you have an excused absence you may be administered either a written or oral make-up examination, at the discretion of the instructor.
- Grade distribution: Grades on the midsemester examination will be distributed in a fashion designed to protect individual privacy. Final examination and course grades will be distributed *only* by postcard. If you wish the favor of receiving your grade in advance of the date when your official University grade report arrives, please supply a postage-paid, pre-addressed postcard for this purpose.
- College Honor Code: All examinations are taken under the UK College of Pharmacy Honor Code. It is the students' responsibility to assure that their behavior during examinations is such that no doubt could possibly exist about their honesty and academic integrity in the examination process.