

GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

LAWH 700 - Introduction to the Legal System (3 Credits)

Introduction to structure of government, sources of federal, state, and local law, judicial and administrative processes, the role of the lawyer, legal reasoning and analysis, and sources of law that govern and regulate access to U.S. health care system.

LAWH 701 - Legal Foundations of Health Care Systems (3 Credits)

Holistic understanding of the various aspects of the healthcare system related to sources of care, sources of payment, and regulatory and other legal systems that constrain and control the behavior of these sources and how these sources impact each other. Lab component includes methods of legal research to locate sources of health care regulations that require compliance and to collect required information.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700.

LAWH 710 - Public Health and Delivery Systems (3 Credits)

Understanding the role and duties of public health officials in the healthcare delivery system, the various public health regimes that require compliance, and the role of public health funding streams in achieving quality compliance for private parties. Overview of health delivery systems in other nations.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701, LAWH 716, LAWH 722, LAWH 736 and LAWH 738.

LAWH 712 - Ethics in Health Care Systems (3 Credits)

Bioethical issues and legal ethical issues that influence health care professional norms and regulatory structures.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701, LAWH 716, LAWH 722, LAWH 736, LAWH 738.

LAWH 714 - Health Care Contracting (Applied Learning) (3 Credits)

Health care contracts.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701, LAWH 716, LAWH 722, LAWH 736, LAWH 738.

LAWH 716 - Medicare Compliance for Medical Facilities (3 Credits)

Medicare reporting and structural requirements for hospitals.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701 (These prerequisites may be waived for a student currently enrolled in the JD program at the University of South Carolina).

LAWH 722 - Risk Management (3 Credits)

Identification, prioritization, and management of various risks faced by health care professionals and institutions.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700 and LAWH 701. (These prerequisites may be waived for a student currently enrolled in the JD program at the University of South Carolina).

LAWH 736 - Billing Compliance and Healthcare Fraud Prevention I (3 Credits)

Understanding of the requirements for properly billing third-party payers and survey of federal laws and regulations that prohibit healthcare fraud and self-dealing.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701. (These prerequisites may be waived for a student currently enrolled in the JD program at the University of South Carolina).

LAWH 737 - Billing Compliance and Healthcare Fraud Prevention II (3 Credits)

Advanced issues in bill coding and justification and complexities of fraud and self-dealing prohibitions.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701, LAWH 716, LAWH 722, LAWH 736, LAWH 738 (The prerequisite of LAWH 700 may be waived for a student holding a JD degree or equivalent).

LAWH 738 - HIPAA and Electronic Medical Records Compliance (3 Credits)

Requirements for organizations that handle protected health information, including information about which entities need to comply with laws protecting such information and to what extent.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700 and LAWH 701. (These prerequisites may be waived for a student currently enrolled in the JD program at the University of South Carolina).

LAWH 755 - Directed Independent Study (3 Credits)

A supervised research paper or project on a topic related to health systems compliance or other law related issues affecting a health care system. Study culminates in a 30-50 page paper or equivalent research project.

Prerequisites: C or better in LAWH 700, LAWH 701, LAWH 716, LAWH 722, LAWH 736, LAWH 738.