

Wayland Mission Statement

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Contact Information

Course: HLAD 4337 <<VCO1>> – Health Care Law

Campus: <<WBUonline >>

Term/Session: <<Fall 1 2026>>

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Office Hours, Building, and Location: << Will meet by appointment and access email 2X daily >>

Class Meeting Time and Location: << Online instruction via Blackboard >>

Catalog Description:

Laws affecting health care facilities and their legal obligations with emphasis on applicable court decisions and the implications for health care facility leadership.

Prerequisite:

None

Textbook Information

Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials:

BOOK	AUTHOR	ED	YEAR	PUBLISHER	ISBN#
<u>Essentials of Health Policy and Law</u>	Wilensky	5th	2023	Jones & Bartlett	9781-28424-7459

*This course is part of the **Pioneer Academic Access Program**. You will have access to an eBook, access code, and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If the course requires a physical book you can order at bookstore.wbu.edu. You can choose to opt-out, however if you do you will lose access to **EVERY class/material** and have to source through third party vendors.*

Optional Materials: <<None>>

Course Outcome Competencies:

- Relate and understand the subject matter as presented in textbooks, class lectures, in-class discussions, and applicable handout materials such as: videos, resources from research, relevant outside class activities;
- Plan well-reasoned logical arguments to support individual viewpoints and judicious use of relevant examples for reinforcement and/or clarification;
- Identify relevant issues, apply the appropriate measuring criteria or rule, objectively analyze the both the issue and the measuring criteria for applicability, formulate a reasonable outcome or conclusion, critically review the analytical process, and compare findings/outcomes to other existing, if not conflicting, standards.

Attendance Requirements

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Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

University Policies

Academic Integrity:

[Link to Statement on Academic Integrity](#)

Artificial Intelligence: Generative AI tools usage encouraged and may be actively assigned in coursework.

- i. Use of generative AI tools is actively encouraged and incorporated in to specific assignments for this course.
- ii. Use of generative AI tools for assignments in brainstorming, content understanding, or revision to work is perfectly acceptable if cited and referenced properly in any submitted work for the course.
- iii. Use of generative AI is encouraged as long as students understand the use of generative AI in the course is to be an assistance tool and not the generator of assignments and submitted work. Ultimately, all submitted work must still

- reflect student's own work, understanding, and analysis.
- iv. Specific parameters for generative AI usage provided by the instructor.
 - v. Any use of generative AI tools outside of the approved instructor parameters will be considered a form of plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

Disability Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests. Office: (806) 291-1057. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

<<Class Participation: Class participation is a very important part of education. This class requires active class participation.

Other Important Information:

1. Assignments are due on the deadlines given when the assignment is posted.
2. Late assignments will not be accepted.
3. Written work, including the term paper, is graded based on content first, but also on the quality of grammar and punctuation.
4. All written assignments should be 12-point type, double-spaced, and using APA Manuscript Writing Style.
5. Questions concerning grades received should be resolved within one week after the assignment has been returned.
6. Unless noted as a group assignment, all work should be original work of the individual student.
7. Academic honesty is expected of all students. Plagiarism, cheating, and other acts that lack academic honesty may result in a zero on the assignment.
8. Students will need to use the Internet to access some assignments.
9. Always contact the professor if you need assistance.

Discussion/Article Presentations: The weekly discussion board assignments will include a mix of discussion questions and/or article research. There will be a deadline for initial responses by Wednesday and replies to colleagues by Sunday. All submissions are due by 1159 p.m. CST of the assigned weeks.

You must make substantive contributions to the initial and responding threaded discussion each week. Respond to some or all the starter questions and additional responses from your classmates to make at least 1 post each discussion assignment. You can either support or refute the observations or hypothesis presented.

To better understand and participate in the stages of the study of health care law, students will be required to post examples of relevant articles on Blackboard. The required format for the articles will be provided on Blackboard.

Research Paper: An in-depth term paper project must also be developed on an approved topic encompassing extensive library and Internet research. Topics for papers must be pre-approved by the professor. All papers must be written using the APA style. The paper should be a minimum of seven pages of content, excluding cover sheet, abstract and references, and should utilize at least ten scholarly references. A simple compilation of the authoritative works on a subject will be necessary but insufficient to properly complete the project. A thorough analysis of the subject must be made with conclusions developed by the student. This paper is due no later than the seventh week of the scheduled term and will be worth 20% of the student's final grade. The paper will be submitted via SafeAssignment and via e-mail.

Requirement	Percent of Grade
Weekly Discussion	45%
Term Paper	30%
Exams	25%

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term, within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student's control. A grade of "incomplete" is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.>>

Student Grade Appeals: Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

Tentative Schedule

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Week	Materials Covered
1 Monday 10-AUG	Assignments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Introduction/Syllabus Review</u> 2) <u>Guidelines for scholarly articles</u> 3) <u>Discussion:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters 1-3 discussion through direct questions

<p style="text-align: center;">2 Monday 17-AUG</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Discussion:</u> a. Chapters 4-6 discussion through article submissions 2) <u>Research Paper Outline Due</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3 Monday 24-AUG</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Discussion:</u> a. Chapters 7-8 discussion through weblog submissions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4 Monday 31-AUG</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Discussion:</u> a. Chapters 9-10 discussion through supplemental reading</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5 Monday 7-SEP</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Discussion:</u> a. Chapters 11-13 discussion through direct questions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6 Monday 14-SEP</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Discussion:</u> a. Chapter 14-15 discussion through direct questions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7 Monday 21-SEP</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Research Paper Due</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8 Monday 28-SEP</p>	<p>Assignments: 1) <u>Final Examination</u></p> <p><i>Must be completed NO LATER than Friday, October 2nd at Midnight.</i> a. Also, Please Complete Course Evaluation located in Blackboard</p>

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Additional Information

<< This syllabus is not a binding contract between the Professor and the Student. It is subject to change whenever the Professor deems the change will improve the course.

Please be sure to ask if you have questions or concerns during this course. Remember that, while you are a student, you are also teaching the class that which your education and experiences have taught you.

“This class will adhere to zero tolerance for using someone else’s work as your own.” >>