



Widener University School of Law

MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MJ 726: AGENCY REGULATIONS

Elective (2 credit hours)

This course studies the law governing administrative agencies in the task of carrying out governmental programs. The course is organized into three parts: creation of agencies, what agencies do, and how agencies are controlled. Through the use of a variety of practical examples students will learn how agencies are created, what they do, and how they are controlled. The emphasis of the course is on the function and control of agency processes.

MJ 722: AUDITING & MONITORING (3 credit hours)

This course examines the processes for auditing and monitoring a company to ensure adherence with the company's compliance programs. During this course, students will learn practical skills in performing risk assessments and audits and the techniques to utilize internal monitoring and auditing tools and resources. Students will be exposed to how to conduct effect audits in order to correct and improve corporate operations through follow-up, monitoring, process change and education. Students will demonstrate the importance of benchmarking and reporting to both internal and external parties, in order to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws. Students will also learn best practices to use when responding to external and/or government audits and investigations.

MJ 844: BUSINESS PRINCIPLES (3 credit hours)

This course introduces concepts and documents which are essential to understanding business law. These concepts and documents include basic accounting principles, present value and risk, discounted cash flow analysis, option value, basic financial analytical tools, and basic business financing forms (including trust indentures, shareholder's agreements, and preferred stock terms).

MJ 739: CAPITALISM, ETHICS & CORPORATE MISCONDUCT

Elective (2 credit hours)

This course offers a comprehensive overview of business ethics that will expose the student to the interdisciplinary character of corporate integrity. Designed to introduce the student to professional and corporate ethical principles through the application of a broad range of philosophical concepts molding today's corporate conduct. Utilizing case law, the student will gain insight into the moral philosophy of good business, American capitalism, business in today's society and the interplay between people within the business organization.

MJ 731: CAPSTONE FOR GLOBAL COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS

(3 credit hours)

This Capstone course is the culminating course/event for all the other courses and content a student has undertaken to achieve the MJ degree or the Graduate Certificate. It is the intent of this course that the student will bring to bear all the learning and knowledge from the previous courses to show competence in the field of Compliance. Students will have an opportunity to design a compliance program and learn the fundamentals of rolling out a program for a global corporation and updating and refocusing a current program. In addition, the students will develop fully annotated and professional PowerPoint presentations and record a presentation, which could ultimately be used to present the above content to their corporate leadership. Students will compile materials for use in a professional portfolio that can be used in employment interviews.

MJ 728: CAPSTONE FOR CORPORATE: CERTIFICATE IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS & COMPLIANCE (3 credit hours)

This Capstone course is the culminating course/event for all the other courses and content a student has undertaken to achieve the MJ degree or the Graduate Certificate. It is the intent of this course that the student will bring to bear all the learning and knowledge from the previous courses to show competence in the field of Compliance. Specifically, we expect students to submit a comprehensive work, by developing a Compliance Program. In addition, the students will develop fully annotated and professional PowerPoint presentations and record a presentation, which could ultimately be used to present the above content to their Corporate leadership. Students will compile materials for use in a professional portfolio that can be used in employment interviews.

MJ 729: CAPSTONE FOR HEALTH: REGULATORY ANALYSIS & COMPLIANCE (3 credit hours)

This Capstone course is the culminating course/event for all the other courses and content a student has undertaken to achieve the MJ degree and the Graduate Certificate. It is the intent of this course that the student will bring to bear all the learning and knowledge from the previous courses to show competence in the field of Compliance. Specifically, we expect students to submit a comprehensive work, by developing a Compliance Program. In addition, the students will develop fully annotated and professional PowerPoint presentations and record a presentation, which could ultimately be used to present the above content to their Corporate leadership. Students will compile materials for use in a professional portfolio that can be used in employment interviews.

MJ 6029: COMPLIANCE IRREGULARITIES & FINANCIAL FRAUD (3 credit hours)

Recently, the escalation of highly publicized allegations of accounting irregularities and fraudulent financial reporting have stunned the corporate community and has been the impetus for the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as closer scrutiny by the SEC. This course will review the various stages of financial crises that occur when a company finds itself in the wake of fraudulent financial reporting—including how to prevent it from happening in the first place. The course will also examine the corporate environment that causes fraudulent financial reporting, how it spreads, the kinds of crises it can create for a company, and the best way to deal with them.

MJ 663: CONTRACT DRAFTING (3 credit hours)

Contracts begins with the building blocks of contracts, then sets out the framework of an agreement and works through it from the preamble to the signature lines, in each instance discussing the business, legal, and drafting issues that occur in each part of a contract. The course then examines drafting rules for good writing and to techniques to enhance clarity and to avoid ambiguity. In addition, the course will explore ethical issues relating to contracts drafting. These issues go beyond issues of confidentiality and client conflicts; considering some of the issues that are unique to contract drafting. Finally, the course will consider the nexus between drafting and the business deal and focus on the role as business counselor.

MJ 721: CORPORATE DEVIANCE (3 credit hours)

This course will provide students with a comprehensive examination of the deviant behavior of big business in contemporary society. The course exposes students to the forms and causes of this deviance and the legal and societal responses to such deviance through the use of recent cases brought by individuals, corporations, and the government in specific areas of the law. Each week the students will read, analyze and engage in a guided discussion of corporate deviance cases including cases regarding subprime lending, securities, anti-trust, healthcare, whistleblower, and products liability

MJ 703: CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS I (3 credit hours)

This course increases the focus on specific governing compliance laws and regulations. This course analyzes specific case scenarios and topics ranging from antitrust law, data protection and anti-corruption laws (such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act), and export controls. Throughout this course students will discuss the role of a compliance officer and the coordination and integration of counsel and other experts. The course will explore ethical considerations of a compliance program and will emphasize building a culture of compliance in an organization.

MJ 725: CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS II (3 credit hours)

Prerequisites: MJ6063 CORPORATE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE: RULES AND STANDARDS; MJ703 CORPORATE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS I.

This course continues exposing students to specific regulations affecting corporate compliance, such as Sarbanes-Oxley, the whistle-blower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, SEC investigations, anti-money laundering and other issues relating to government investigations. Throughout this course students will discuss practical issues relating to the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs, with a focus on assessing a compliance program, how to prepare for a crisis, employment engagement with a compliance program, and what to do when no one will listen. Ethical issues will be explored, such as privilege and confidentiality and the role of legal counsel versus the compliance officer.

MJ 6063: CORPORATE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE: RULES & STANDARDS (3 credit hours)

Corporate compliance is of increasing importance in corporate America. More and more companies are developing and implementing programs to ensure compliance with governing laws and regulations and to promote an environment that fosters compliance and encourages ethical behavior. This course will examine the central principles and statutory and regulatory framework that govern this growing field. We will analyze and discuss topics ranging from Sarbanes-Oxley to export controls, antitrust law, data protection and anti-corruption laws (such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act). We will also delve into the whistle-blower provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and other issues relating to government

investigations and dispute resolution. Throughout this course we will discuss practical issues relating to the development and implementation of corporate compliance programs.

MJ 509: CRITICAL LEGAL ANALYSIS & WRITING (3 credit hours) This foundation course introduces basic legal analysis including rule-based reasoning, and case synthesis with opportunities for practical written application. Learning that occurred during Introduction to Law course is reinforced and expanded upon. Students are also introduced to independent legal research skills. Course projects include a series of short graded assignments highlighting aspects of legal and compliance writing. Students will review basic writing mechanics including grammar and punctuation. They will enhance their writing skills by editing passages, producing written assignments, and doing focused writing exercises. Students will also learn to develop sound arguments by practicing the art of logical flow. The goal is to help students to produce clear, well-organized, grammatically correct prose.

MJ 727: EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATION (2 credit hours) (*Elective*)

When a company learns that there may have been some violation of a law or regulation or company policy, an internal investigation is needed to determine precisely what happened. This course addresses how internal investigations must be structured to help business leaders run their business. An investigation must do more than just prove whether someone committed misconduct. This course details the strategies and tactics that work best. Practical skills application will assist students with learning to plan and conduct thorough investigations and turn the results into valuable knowledge for their organizations. This course will also discuss selling the value of workplace investigations to management; management's legal obligations; structuring the compliance function; the investigation team members; and assisting management to implement the findings. This course will teach student not only how to uncover the truth about misconduct or fraud, but also how to ensure that the results can help an organization resolve issues and move forward.

MJ 929: EXTERNSHIP (2-3 credit hours)

This Externship seeks to provide qualified students with supervised work experience during the student's second semester course of study for a Master of Jurisprudence in Health Law. The Externship Director will undertake to coordinate students within a variety of settings including but not limited to hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and corporations ("Sponsors") in the Delaware Valley region. The student's externship shall be under the supervision of practicing attorneys or experienced field supervisor and the Externship Director. This Externship strives to prepare students for the vast field of compliance and health law by offering a variety of sponsors and academic requirements. Students must have successfully completed all of all their 1st year required courses, obtain an overall Minimum 3.0 GPA and submit to the Externship Director a current resume and writing sample. In addition to completing 140 hours per semester for a 3 credit course or 80 hours per semester for a 3 credit course, students are required to also complete online threaded discussions and assignments and attend monthly classroom meetings.

MJ 732: GLOBAL COMPLIANCE & ETHICS (3 credit hours)**Prerequisite: MJ 730 Global Transactions**

More and more companies are developing and implementing compliance programs to ensure compliance with governing laws and regulations and to promote an environment that fosters compliance and encourages ethical behavior. Students will examine various areas of law, regulation, and policy to adapt compliance protocols to global corporations. The course covers U.S., European and international regulation in such areas as anti-bribery, anti-trust, data protection and privacy, trade sanctions, anti-money laundering law, and anti-human trafficking laws. This course will also discuss practical issues relating to why and how a global compliance program is developed and implemented, and will touch on cultural issues relating to a global compliance program.

MJ 730: GLOBAL TRANSACTIONS (3 credit hours)

This course provides an overview of how compliance impacts various industries with global corporations and provides an overview of applicable laws regulating international business transactions. The public regulatory aspects of international trade and the practical application of important areas of U.S. trade law will be explored.

MJ 6067X: HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION***Elective (2 credit hours)***

This online course provides an overview of healthcare administration by examining recent regulations which offer a dramatic impact on healthcare delivery in the United States. Materials and lectures shall emphasize liability of the healthcare institution, access to care, consent for treatment, corporate compliance, and healthcare reform. Students shall analyze recent healthcare regulations and discuss a variety of issues affecting healthcare delivery.

MJ 6028X: HEALTHCARE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE: RULES AND STANDARDS (3 credit hours)

This course seeks to foster skills needed to assure compliance by hospitals and managed care organizations with governmental regulations and internal corporate policies. Students will learn to identify and respond to circumstances raising regulatory concerns, to navigate and interpret applicable regulatory schemes, draft policies and procedures, and ultimately to create and manage a comprehensive compliance program.

MJ 723: HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS I (3 credit hours)

This course will focus on the fundamental federal regulations that impact healthcare professionals and organizations. This course will focus on the regulations that are essential to compliance in the healthcare industry, including, but not limited to, fraud and abuse laws and the Affordable Care Act. The course materials will allow students to test their knowledge and understanding with exercises designed to provide practical application. Students will be required to demonstrate an ability to interpret and analyze regulations to address arising compliance issues in a variety of health care settings.

MJ 724: HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE & ETHICS II (3 credit hours)

Prerequisites: MJ 6028 HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE: RULES AND STANDARDS; MJ 723 HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS I

This course will build upon the fundamental knowledge students gained in the first part of the course by focusing on regulations that, while not specific to the healthcare industry, have equal impact on healthcare professionals and organizations. Additionally, this course will address the competing interests of federal and state regulations, as well as the underlying corporate ethics principles that must be adhered to. Finally, students will learn the core elements of developing an effective compliance program. Students will be required to demonstrate an ability to interpret and analyze regulations to address arising compliance issues in a variety of healthcare settings.

MJ 709: HEALTHCARE QUALITY, SAFETY & LIABILITY (3 credit hours)

This on-line course is designed to familiarize MJ students with the legal and regulatory issues of health care using a case-based approach. Students will be introduced to the legal issues that often arise as health care is delivered through the complex network of private providers, government programs, and third party payers, providing an overview of the major legal, ethical and policy issues. Students will have an opportunity to examine and critique healthcare policy with an eye toward legal and regulatory constraints, variables within the healthcare delivery system, and societal issues that may affect the organization and delivery of health care resources.

MJ 600: HEALTHCARE & BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS (3 credit hours)

This course provides a beginning to end picture of how Healthcare Law Compliance impacts the pharmaceutical industry and provides an overview of promotional regulatory oversight, and applicable laws regulating compliance. In addition, the course will explore the various business transactions that are encountered within the healthcare arena with heightened focus on the pharmaceutical industry. Students will receive and review potential issues related to in-house compliance and learn how to develop an effective compliance program. The course will incorporate hands-on learning throughout the curriculum and students will be exposed to current industry related issues and experience ways to resolve such issues via assignments geared towards developing essential practical skills such as: risk assessment, mitigation plans, interviewing skills, project management and program development.

MJ 650: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH LAW & POLICY (3 credit hours)

Students in this course will be introduced to the basics of American health policy and law.

Upon completion of this course, students will understand the broad context of health policy and law, the essential policy and legal issues impacting and flowing out of the health care and public health systems, and the way health policies and laws are formulated.

MJ 500: INTRODUCTION TO LAW (3 credit hours)

This course provides students with an introduction to the legal system of the United States, including federal and state court structures, sources of law (constitutional law, statutory law, administrative law, and case law) and an exploration of legislative, judicial, and administrative agency processes. Introductory legal research tasks will be performed. This course will also provide an overview of civil and criminal procedure.

MJ 601: INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING (3 credit hours)

This course is designed for nurses holding a current RN license who wish to expand their knowledge in the health law arena. In today's legal environment, the legal nurse consultant must be educated in many aspects of law, nursing, and medicine, as well as in the collective influences controlling and affecting patient care, legal claims, and litigation. This introductory course will examine the role of the LNC in the health care arena. MJ students will become knowledgeable regarding standards of care, liability issues, professional standards and hospital compliance. This course will provide a practical learning approach to the field of the legal nurse consultant.

MJ 606: LEGAL MEDICAL RESEARCH (3 credit hours)

This course is designed for students to develop medical research skills. Applications will be through chronology, office memoranda, life care plans, investigation of case evaluations including workers' compensation and surgical claims. Students will apply their legal medical research skills in order to develop a professional work product.

MJ 740: PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL FRAUD (*Elective*) (2 credit hours)

This course is designed to promote the student's knowledge and understanding of how fraud is conducted and why, including specific prevention and detection techniques. Topics include acquiring fraud awareness, uncovering fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets and how allegations of fraud should be investigated in the workplace. This course will also delve into the impact of fraud on an organization and its employees.

MJ 607: PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING (3 credit hours)

This course provides students with the standards of care and liability issues within a medical & legal setting. Students will examine a medical legal case from treatment to discovery, to legal report writing, research, and trial preparation. Students will be oriented to practical skills of defense medical evaluations, product liability, and toxic torts reports. Emphasis will also be placed on developing business plans and business principles.

MJ 629: SECURITIES REGULATIONS (3 credit hours)

A study of the federal and state securities laws and the industry they govern with emphasis on the regulation of the distribution process and trading in securities; subjects dealt with include the functions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, registration and disclosure requirements and related civil liabilities, "blue-sky" laws, proxy solicitation and reporting requirements, broker-dealer regulation, the self-regulatory functions of the exchanges, and the regulation of investment companies. This course fulfills the MJ writing requirement. Students will be required to write a twenty (20) page paper on a topic of their choice which complements the course curriculum in place of a written exam. Students will have the opportunity to submit an outline for review prior to the submission of the paper for review and comment. In addition to the paper, students will also be required to prepare a PowerPoint presentation to accompany his or her paper.