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PHPM 608A Public Health Law and Ethics

Catalog Description: This course is intended to introduce MPH and DrPH students, as well as practitioners, to current and foundational issues in law and ethics that impact the policies and practice of public health. The goal of the course is to allow students to identify and appropriately assess legal and ethical issues that underlie the field of public health. (3 units)

Course Topics:

- Public Health Law
- Public Health Ethics
- The Affordable Care Act
- Public Health Care Programs
- Public Health Legal Authority
- The U.S. Constitution and Public Health
- Public Health Emergencies
- Public Health Strategies for Epidemic Diseases
- Environmental Public Health Law
- Information Privacy
- Public Health Practice and Research
- Public Health Communication
- Property Rights and the Built Environment

Course Objectives: During this course, students will:

- Explore constitutional underpinnings of public health interventions.
- Assess the respective roles of local, state, tribal, and federal governments with respect to public health.
- Recognize and account for the balance between individual rights and governmental interests in protecting the public's health.
- Examine the application of public health ethical principles to the practice of public health.

Learning Outcomes (Competencies Obtained): Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Apply legal frameworks to analyze public health problems
2. Propose strategies to promote inclusion and equity within public health programs, policies and systems