COURSE OUTLINE (Fall 2017)

Sep 5       Introduction to the Course
Public Health Law & Ethics (Ppt presentation)

Sep 12      Public Health: The Population-Based Perspective
Public Health Law & Ethics (Ppt presentation cont.)
Reading: Mapping the Issues, 1-8

Sep 19      The Relation of Public Health to Ethics
Doing Ethics (Ppt presentation)
Reading: Community: The Neglected Tradition of Public Health, 35-38

Sep 26      Human Rights and Public Health
Doing Ethics (Ppt presentation cont.)
Reading: Health and Human Rights, 259-263

Oct 3       Reasoning in Public Health: Philosophy, Risk & Cost
The Public Health Framework (Ppt presentation)
Reading: Paternalism and Its Discontents, 82-85

Oct 10      Public Health Duties & Powers
Federalism and the Public Health (Ppt presentation)
Reading: DeShaney v Winnebago Co. Dept. of Social Services 107-110

Oct 17      Public Health & the Protection of Individual Rights
Reasoning in the Communal Provision for Public Health (Ppt presentation)
Reading: Greene v Edwards, 162-164

Oct 24      Mid-term Examination

Oct 31      Public Health Regulation of Property & the Professions
Reasoning in the Communal provision for Public Health (Ppt presentation cont.)
Reading: Camara v Municipal Court, 455-458

Nov 7       Tort Litigation for the Public’s Health
Tort Litigation as a Tool for Public Health (Ppt presentation)
Reading: The New Public Health Litigation, 199-203

Nov 14      Surveillance & Public Health Research: Privacy & the Right to Know
Tuskegee and the Ethics of Public Health Initiatives (Ppt presentation)
Reading: Informational Privacy and the Public’s Health: The Model State Public Health Privacy Act, 316-320

Nov 21  Health Promotion: Education, Persuasion, & Free Expression
       Health Promotion: Education or Indoctrination (Ppt presentation)
       Reading: Ethical Issues in Government-sponsored Public Health Campaigns, 328-333

Nov 28  Biological Interventions to Control Infectious Disease: Immunization, Screening and Screening Treatment
       Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine as Public Health Practice (Ppt Presentation)
       Reading: Ferguson v City of Charleston, 395-397

Dec 5  Final Assessment

Course Requirements
Each student is required to present orally in class a summary (PowerPoint format) of one assigned reading (20% final grade).

Each student is required to complete a weekly in-class quiz (15% final grade)

Each student will be required to take a mid-term examination (25% final grade) and a final examination (40% final grade).

Each student is required to attend all class meetings, unless there is a legitimate reason to be absent. If you expect to miss one or two classes, you are to use the University absence reporting website https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/ to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An e-mail is automatically sent to the course instructor. Undue absences will negatively affect your final grade for the course.

Please note that should you fail, unless for a very serious reason, to complete the midterm and final examinations as scheduled in the syllabus, you will not be allowed to take the examinations at another time.

Similarly, should you fail to complete your in-class presentation, and the weekly in-class quiz as scheduled, you will not be afforded an opportunity to complete either of them at another time.

Please note also that in this course the instructor does not entertain requests for so-called 'extra credit' on the grounds that it compromises the integrity of the course which is intended to be the criterion against which student performance is measured. Otherwise, why take the course?

Further, this course instructor does not "round up" grades; the grade earned is the grade awarded.
Finally, please note that during class the use of laptops and cell phones is not permitted.

Course Grading Scheme:
100-94 = A
93-85 = B+
84-77 = B
76-69 = C+
68-61 = C
60-53 = D
52-Below=F

Course Text: Public Health Law and Ethics, A Reader. Ed. Lawrence O. Gostin (Los Angeles: University of California Press, Revised/Updated 2\textsuperscript{nd} Edition;2010) Students are urged also to make use of the following web site: www.publichealthlaw.net/reader
All of the PowerPoint presentations used for this course (except those otherwise identified) are summaries of the relevant sections of the course text book and are not original to the course instructor.

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