

Professional Responsibility

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Description

This course is intended to acquaint students with the organization and regulation of the legal profession, the nature of the attorney-client relationship, and the duties that attorneys owe to clients and others. Upon successfully completing the course, students should be familiar with the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct¹ and other sources of law governing the legal profession, and be able to apply these rules to issues that arise in legal practice. The course will also help prepare students for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), but will not cover all of the topics tested on that exam.

Course Material

All assigned material will be available online via the course website: emfink.net/ProfessionalResponsibility. The website also has subject outlines, review questions, and links to other relevant material.

Suggested supplement (optional): Grace M. Giesel, *Mastering Professional Responsibility* (2d ed., Carolina Academic Press 2015).

Policies

Grading

Your grade will be based on three mid-term quizzes (10% each) and a final examination (70%).

The midterm quizzes and final exam will consist of multiple choice questions, similar in format to the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

You will take the quizzes online outside of class by the due dates indicated in the Schedule & Assignments portion of the syllabus. The quizzes will be open book/open notes.

You will take the final exam during the Fall term exam period. You will receive a copy of the Rules of Professional Conduct to use during the exam, which will otherwise be closed-book/closed-notes.

Class Preparation, Attendance, & Participation

Successful performance in this course depends on completion of all reading assignments before class, regular and prompt class attendance, and constructive engagement during class. Elon Law School's standards and ABA guidance for awarding course credit assume at least two hours of out-of-class student work for each hour of classroom instruction.

Elon Law School has adopted the following attendance policy for all courses:

The Law School administers a policy that a student maintain regular and punctual class attendance in all courses in which the student is registered, including externships, clinical courses, or simulation courses. Faculty members will give students written notice of their attendance policies before or during the first week of class. These policies may include, but are not limited to: treating late arrivals, early departures, and/or lack of preparation as absences; imposing grade or point reductions for absences, including assigning a failing grade or involuntarily withdrawing a student from the class; and any other policies that a professor deems appropriate to create a rigorous and professional classroom environment.

In case of illness or emergency, students may contact the Office of Student and Professional Life, which will then notify the student's instructors. A student may notify the faculty member directly of a planned absence and should refer to individual faculty members regarding any policy that may apply. In the case of prolonged illness or incapacity, the student should contact the Office of Student and Professional Life.

Disability Accommodations

For disability accommodation requests, contact the Elon Law Registrar's Office.

¹Because the ABA Model Rules are protected by copyright, the course materials use the NC Rules of Professional Conduct, which closely follow the ABA Model Rules in most respects. Significant differences between the NC Rules and the ABA Model Rules are noted in the course materials.

Honor Code

The Law School honor code applies to all activities related to your law school study, including conduct during class and examinations.

Schedule & Assignments

PENDING