

Health Legislation & Advocacy I & II

Health Legislation & Advocacy is a two-semester course focusing on the development and implementation of health policy through legislative and regulatory mechanisms. Enrolled students are required to take both the fall and the spring segments of this course. The goal of these courses is to introduce students to the legislative and regulatory processes and the roles lawyers and others play in the development and implementation of health policy in Georgia. Much of our health policy begins with the development and passage of legislation. The quality of the drafting, the creativity and activities of supporters or opponents of the legislation, and the compromises made to secure passage affect the utility and effectiveness of any statute.

The fall semester course focuses on the theory and process of legislative health policy making. Professionals involved in the development, implementation, and oversight of health policy in our community will speak to the class. Speakers may include legislators, regulators, and representatives of health-related interest groups, health insurers, and health providers. Students research selected policy issues, develop legislative proposals on behalf of participating non-profit community partners, and undertake efforts to support the community partners in their efforts to have the proposals introduced in the Georgia General Assembly.

The spring semester course involves practical experience gained through monitoring and participating in the process of legislative health policy development during the legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly. Students follow and provide support for any of the legislative projects developed during the fall semester that are introduced during the session. In addition, students report on health legislation introduced during the session, follow the work of key health-related legislative committees, and select a health-related piece of legislation to analyze in-depth.

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Prepare Legal Memo	Prepare Health Legislative Summary
Draft Proposed Legislation	Develop Committee Testimony
Develop Community Education Material	Prepare amendment language
Draft Letters to Client & Legislator	Draft Community Education Article
Interact with Community Partner	Prepare Floor Testimony
Journaling Assignment	Tracking Committee Business
Class Participation	Journaling Assignment
	Engagement at the Capitol