



Public Health Law & Policy

PH PSC 230

Prof. Molly McNulty

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"The most important social debates about public health take place in legal forums – legislatures, courts, and administrative agencies –and in the law's language of rights, duties, and justice." (L. Gostin)

Public health law and policy consists of government choices that impact the lives of everyone, including choices related to pursuing health equity. How do we know we are making the right choices? What are "law", "policy" and "community health coalitions?" How do we convince different stakeholders, ranging from the politically powerful to the individual patient, to follow the policy guidance we think will generate the best public health results? This course explores the models for understanding law and policymaking, and then applies those models as we delve into hotly debated public health topics of the day. These debates include national health reform, abortion, gun control, racism, discrimination and others.

Monday - Wednesday 2:00 – 3:15 pm | Hybrid Mode

Mondays: Remotely at Zoom: <https://rochester.zoom.us/j/92340905831>

Wednesday: In person, Morey 205

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Office hour: Fridays 11:00 - 12:00 via Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8203357243?pwd=eBrCgBwGaFj5I1B6REIsXICDuhNYD9.1>

Meeting ID: 820 335 7243

Passcode: PHLT230

Rush Rhees also is creating a "Course Reserves" list, which should contain digital links for all the texts except for *Writing Public Policy* (so you should buy the print version).

Wednesday, February 15, 2023	Polymaking Decisions and Strategies (What Coalitions Do)
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Module 3 Legal and Policy Research Skills

Monday, February 20, 2023	How To Locate Laws of All Types
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Wednesday, February 22, 2023	Constitutional Branch 1: Congress
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Monday, February 27, 2023	Pending Legislation
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Wednesday, March 1, 2023	Constitutional Branch 2: Direct Regulation for the Public's Health and Safety
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Monday, March 13, 2023	Regulatory Public Comments as a Public Health Advocacy Strategy
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Wednesday, March 15, 2023	Monitoring Regulatory Implementation: Case of Community Hospitals
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Monday, March 20, 2023	Constitutional Branch 3: How to Read A Case
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Module 4 Laws and Programs for Vulnerable Populations

Wednesday, March 22, 2023	Opioid Epidemic
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Monday, March 27, 2023	Guest Speaker
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Wednesday, March 29, 2023	Reproductive Health - Family Planning
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Monday, April 3, 2023	Reproductive Health - Abortion
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