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The Shimadzu School of Radiologic Sciences
Bachelor of Science, Radiologic Sciences Program
Course Syllabus - Dr. Rodney Fisher*

RADS 4643 Health Law in Medical Imaging

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WHY ARE YOU TAKING THIS COURSE?

This course explores the ethical dilemmas you may face in healthcare and the relevant laws you must understand to perform your job effectively.

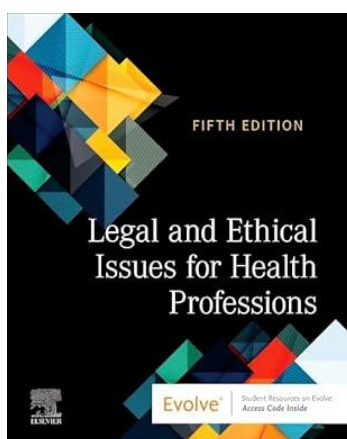
Among the topics we will discuss this semester:

- What are morals, ethics, and laws?
- What does the scope of practice mean, and how does that relate to you as a radiologic technologist?
- What are the privacy laws you will follow as a radiologic technologist?
- What is and how do you get informed consent from your patients before taking an X-ray?
- How does the health care system work, and what is your place as a radiologic technologist?

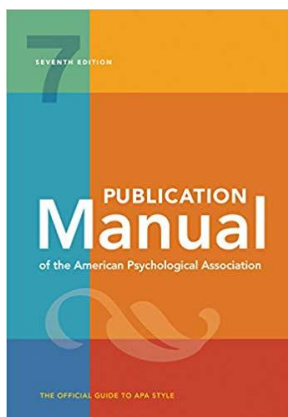
WHAT ARE THE TEXTBOOKS YOU WILL NEED?

Both textbooks are required, and you will use them. The health law textbook will only be used in this course and may be bought new, used, or rented. The APA manual will be a textbook you will use in many of your other courses, and this one. You will want to purchase it if you still need to. Do not rent it, as it will cost you more money in the long term.

Nguyen, J. (2019). *Legal and ethical issues for health professions* (Fifth Edition). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier [ISBN: 978-0323827508]. This book is approximately \$100 from the bookstore.



American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th Ed.). Washington, DC: Author. [ISBN: 978-1-4338-3216-1]. This book is approximately \$36 from the bookstore. This book is used in many radiology courses and should be retained until graduation.



WHAT ELSE DO I NEED?

You will need a computer that is Windows or Mac-based. Please note that Chromebooks will not work because of their incompatibility with the Respondus Lockdown Browser system used to proctor all tests and the final examination. You will also need a webcam with a working microphone and an adequate Internet connection.

HOW DO YOU CONTACT ME?

I prefer email for most contacts. This gives me a written record of what we talked about, so I remember everything necessary. Also, I am often away from my desk and may be hard to reach by telephone. If you need to contact me by phone, please email me for an appointment. The appointment will ensure that I have everything ready for your call, and we will not be disturbed.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU NEED TO LOG INTO THE COURSE?

Although there is no attendance policy for this online course, it is essential to log into D2L at least once a week. I may post news items that will require your attention. It is also a good idea to check your email a few times during the week. Please make sure your email is kept up-to-date with the university. You may do this through the MSU Portal.

HOW DO I GRADE THIS COURSE?

I use the following grading scale:

- A = 100 – 90
- B = 89.99 – 80
- C = 79.99 – 70
- D = 69.99 – 60
- F = 59.99 and below

While I do not round individual assignments, I will round your semester grade up to the next grade if you are within 0.5 points of the next grade. Late assignments are only accepted with my prior approval. If I accept any late assignments, they are subject to a late penalty.

Your semester grade will be made up of the following types of assignments:

Discussions (4)	20 %
Course Project	20 %
Module Tests (6)	30 %
Final Examination	30 %

WHAT IS THE CLASS SCHEDULE / DUE DATES?

All times are MSU campus time.

Date		Assignment
August	25	Class opens Review course syllabus
September	9	Module 1 Test due by 11:59 pm Discussion Board 1 closes at 11:59 pm
	23	Module Test 2 due by 11:59 pm
October	7	Module Test 3 due by 11:59 pm Discussion Board 2 closes at 11:59 pm
	21	Module Test 4 due by 11:59 pm
November	4	Module Test 5 due by 11:59 pm Discussion Board 3 closes at 11:59 pm
	18	Ethical Dilemma PowerPoint Course Project due by 11:59 pm
	24	Last day to withdraw with a "W" by 4:00 pm campus time.
	25	Module Test 6 due by 11:59 pm Discussion Board 4 closes at 11:59 pm
December	9	Final Exam is due by 11:59 pm

WHAT WILL WE COVER IN THIS COURSE?

These are the modules we will discuss in this course:

- Module 1: Ethics and Law
- Module 2: Torts and Medical Malpractice
- Module 3: Healthcare Business and Workplace Issues
- Module 4: Medical Records, HIPAA, and Reporting
- Module 5: Life, Dying, and Death Issues in Healthcare
- Module 6: Trends

WHAT ARE THE ASSIGNMENTS?

Module Tests should be taken after you have reviewed the chapter in the book and any course notes. The tests consist of randomized multiple-choice questions. Each test is timed. The test lengths are:

Module	# of Questions	Maximum Time in Minutes
1	60	60
2	25	25
3	50	25
4	25	50
5	25	25
6	15	20

Class Discussions and exchanging ideas and opinions are critical to understanding ethics, morality, and the law. You will participate in three discussion boards where you will post a 3 – 4 paragraph post based upon a specific article you will read. For the fourth discussion board, you will professionally critique another student's post from one of the first three discussion boards. Please read the course content for complete instructions. In the online instructions, you will find what should be included in your posts and the outside research expectations for each post. **All discussions MUST be submitted by the published due date (see the course calendar).** **Because discussion boards depend upon timely student submissions, no late submissions will be accepted.**

The Course Project is a narrated PowerPoint. You will select one of the ethical dilemmas from a database on D2L and prepare a narrated PowerPoint presentation. Please read the course content for complete instructions. The online instructions show what should be included in your PowerPoint and how to record your narration.

The Final Examination can be taken any time between November 1 and December 9. You must complete all module tests before taking the final examination. The final examination is a closed-book and notes. It is taken using the Respondus Lockdown Browser with Webcam built into D2L. You must take the appropriate practice quiz before the Final to ensure you can use the Respondus system. The final examination is comprehensive and consists of 100 randomized multiple-choice questions. You will have 100 minutes to complete the final examination.

WHAT IS THE LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY?

Normally, I do not accept late work. Tests must be done in order, and all tests must be completed before you may take the final examination. This is true even if you are late on a test and receive a “zero” on it. You must still take the test. I do understand that sometimes there are exceptional situations with extenuating circumstances. If you know you will be late with an assignment, or if something happens and you miss a due date, please email me the reasons. I may make an exception depending on the specific circumstances, and I reserve the right to impose a late penalty if I accept late work. **The final examination MUST be completed by the due date without exception. You have a month to take it, so there is no reason for the final to be late.**

Health Law in Medical Imaging Course Policy Details

Professional Conduct

All students are expected to comport themselves professionally while in class or working on course projects with other students on or off campus. If students have questions about what the proper professional conduct should be, please reference the University Student Handbook located on the [Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) webpage and the Shimadzu School of Radiologic Sciences Academic and Clinical Handbook for the student's current cohort located on the [BSRT Program](#) webpage. Violations of either set of standards or policies may result in grade reduction and referral for disciplinary action.

Attendance

Although there is no attendance policy for this online course, students must log into D2L at least once a week. The professor may post news items that will require the student's attention. It is also good for students to check their email several times during the week. Students should ensure their email address is kept up-to-date with the university. This may be done through the MSU Portal.

Requesting a Withdrawal

The last opportunity to drop this course with a grade of "W" is 4:00 pm on November 24, 2025. The student must initiate all withdrawals. After this date, dropping the course results in a grade of "F." Withdrawal from this course will result in the student being dismissed from the BSRT program.

In an emergency or extenuating circumstance, a student may request an incomplete grade before grades are submitted. If the professor grants the incomplete, the student has until thirty (30) days after the beginning of the next long semester to complete the course requirements. If the student does not complete the course requirements within the deadline, the incomplete grade will automatically convert into a grade of "F."

Technical Difficulties

Occasionally, students may experience problems accessing D2L, accessing class files located within D2L, connecting with their internet service, or other computer-related issues. Make the professor aware of a technical problem as soon as possible. A due date extension is typically granted if a situation occurs on the university's end, such as D2L failure. **However, remember that students are responsible for having (or accessing) a working computer in this course.** *Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered a reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*

Dropbox assignments that can be attached to an email should be emailed to the professor when a problem is encountered. Failure to do so may result in lost points, regardless of connection issues.

For help options:

- For D2L issues, go online, go to the Distance Education Helpdesk
- By phone, call the Distance Education office at 940-397-4868 between 8 am and 5 pm.
- Use the D2L help link in D2L.
- Contact your professor.
- For other computer access issues, visit the MSU Information Technology Website online.

Special Needs

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable adjustments in its policies, practices, services, and facilities to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational programs and activities.

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) provides information and assistance, arranges accommodations, and serves as a liaison for students, professors, and staff. The ODS has

assistive devices such as books on tape, recorders, and adaptive software, which can be loaned to qualified individuals. A student/employee who seeks accommodations based on disability must register with the Office of Disability Services in the Counseling Center, Clark Student Center, Room 108. Documentation of disability from a competent professional is required.

Individuals with grievances related to discrimination or lack of accommodation based on a disability are encouraged to resolve the problem directly with the area involved. If the matter remains unresolved, the Office of Disability Services for resolution will provide advice and/or assistance. The grievance procedure may be found in the Student Handbook and Activities Calendar.

The Director of the Counseling Center serves as the ADA Coordinator and may be contacted at (940)397-4618, TDD (940)397-4515, or 3410 Taft Blvd., Clark Student Center Room 108.

Administrative Process

Unresolved issues related to this course should first be addressed between the student and the professor. If there is no resolution, students must follow this sequence:

1. Department Chair – Dr. Lynette Watts (940-397-4833)
2. College Dean - Dr. Jeff Killion (940-397-4594)
3. Dean of Students – Matthew Park (940-397-7500)

Honor System

RADS 4643 adheres to the MSU Code of Conduct.

In particular, however small, academic dishonesty creates a breach of academic integrity. A student's participation in this course comes with the expectation that his or her work will be completed in full observance of the MSU Code of Student Conduct. A student should consult the current Student Handbook for answers to any questions about the code.

All components of RADS 4643 are designed to represent the efforts of each student individually or each student group as appropriate and are NOT to be shared, copied, or

plagiarized from other sources. When students submit their efforts for grading, they are attesting they abided by this rule.

An online plagiarism/artificial writing detection service may be used in this course. Student assignments may be uploaded to the service for identification of similarities to other student papers and published works or the use of artificial writing generators in place of the student's own work.

Cheating includes but is not limited to

- Use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations;
- Dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the professor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or completing other assignments; or
- The acquisition of tests or other academic materials from the university faculty or staff without permission.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to

- The use of, by paraphrase or direct quotation, without correct citation in the text and in the reference list,
- The published or unpublished works of another person.
- Students may NOT submit papers and assignments they have previously submitted for this or other courses.
- The use of materials generated by agencies engaged in "selling" term papers is also plagiarism.

The use of artificial writing generators includes but is not limited to

- Using any artificial intelligence agent (e.g., Chat GPT) to generate written work that the student uses within their course paper, poster, presentation, or any other project, with or without proper citation, or;
- Using any artificial writing generator as a primary source, or;

- Using any artificial writing generators in place of traditional research methods to obtain sources and any interpretations about the content of those sources.

This course will not tolerate academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, artificial writing generators, etc.). Whenever a student is unsure whether a situation will be interpreted as academic dishonesty, the student should ask the professor for clarification. If students are found guilty of academic dishonesty, they will receive a grade of zero (0) for the quiz, assignment, etc., and will not be allowed to resubmit the assignment for a grade. Based on the severity of the cheating, plagiarism, or use of artificial writing generators, the professor reserves the right to fail the student in the course and refer the student to the department chair for further disciplinary action, which could include permanent dismissal from the program. Cases may also be referred to the Dean of Students for possible dismissal from the university and the ARRT as a potential ethics violation.

Students are encouraged to review the tutorials and suggested websites for more information about plagiarism. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please consult:

- The University Academic Dishonesty Policy
- The website Plagiarism.Org, or
- The professor

Please Note

By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" to all intellectual property created by the student for this course. The "limited right" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the right to reproduce the student's work/ project to verify originality and authenticity and for educational purposes. Specifically, faculty may submit student papers and assignments to an external agency to verify originality and authenticity and to detect plagiarism or the use of artificial writing generators.

Campus Carry / Active Shooter

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [Safety / Emergency Procedures](#).