

## EDAD 8126 - Legal Issues in Higher Education

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Credit hours: 3

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### Course Description

8126. Legal Issues in Higher Education. This course explores legal issues and principles that guide the administration of higher education. Students will examine significant issues and trends, past and present, in higher education law to understand the legal environment in which colleges and universities operate. Topics will include academic freedom, student rights (including Title IX), and student conduct. 3 s.h.

### Course Readings

| Group    | Title                                                                                   | Author                                                       | ISBN          |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Required | The law of higher education: Essentials for legal and administrative practice (7th ed.) | Kaplin, W. A., Lee, B. A., Hutchens, N. H., & Rooksby, J. H. | 9781394196289 |

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

### Schedule of Topics and Assignments

| Week of | Reading(s)                                                                                       | Proposed Topic                                                                          | Due/To Prepare for Class                                        |
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| 8/24    |                                                                                                  | Introduction to HE Law                                                                  | 1) Graded: *Article Analysis *DBP<br>2) Not Graded: *Reflection |
| 8/31    | 1) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 1<br>2) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 2 | 1) Sources of HE Law<br>2) Legal Planning and Resolution                                | 1) Graded: *Case Brief *DBP<br>2) Not Graded: *Reflection       |
| 9/7     | 1) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 3<br>2) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 4 | 1) Institutional Governance<br>2) Relationship Between an Institution and its Employees | 1) Graded: *Article Analysis *DBP<br>2) Not Graded: *Reflection |
| 9/14    | 1) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 5<br>2) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 6 | HE Law and Faculty                                                                      | 1) Graded: *Case Brief *DBP<br>2) Not Graded: *Reflection       |
| 9/21    | 1) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 7<br>2) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter 8 | HE Law and Students (Part I)                                                            | 1) Graded: *Article Analysis *DBP<br>2) Not Graded: *Reflection |



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| 9/28 | 1) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter HE Law and Students (Part II)<br>9<br>2) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby:<br>Chapter 10          | 1) Graded: *Case Brief *DBP<br>2) Not Graded: *Reflection |
| 10/5 | 1) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby: Chapter Government and External Relationships<br>11<br>2) Kaplin, Lee, Hutchens, & Rooksby:<br>Chapter 12 | 1) Graded: *Course Project *DBP *Final<br>Reflection      |

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