

**The University of Houston Law Center**  
**Health Law & Policy Institute**  
**Description / Syllabus for HIPAA Privacy, Fall 2020;**  
**Room TBA; Tuesday 4:00 – 6:00 PM**  
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**(No textbook is required for this course)**

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

There will be sixteen segments to this course. All material will be provided as a handout, as no suitable textbook has been identified. Instructions as to how to obtain the material will be available at the Health Law & Policy Institute suite before the classes begin. The fourteen segments will be presented with approximately one segment discussed at each session during the semester, but some segments will take more than one session, while other segments may be covered in less than one session. Guidance will be provided so that students can prepare appropriately, and students will be expected to have reviewed the material before each session; students will be called upon to contribute to the discussions. Grading will be based primarily on an open-book final examination that may be comprised of both short answer (multiple choice) and essay questions; further information related to the final examination will be provided during the first class session. The grade of any student may be increased or decreased based on participation of that individual student. Grading will be in accordance with the Law Center's guidelines for "curving" grades.

The individual segments will cover:

- Segment 1: Introduction and Overview, HIPAA Basics, and Covered Entities
- Segment 2: Protected Health Information
- Segment 3: Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, and Operations
- Segment 4: Uses and Disclosures Allowed Under Public Policy Provisions
- Segment 5: Uses and Disclosures Allowed by Oral Agreement
- Segment 6: Uses and Disclosures Requiring Written Agreement / Permission
- Segment 7: Heightened Confidentiality Protections
- Segment 8: Fundraising
- Segment 9: Special Considerations Related to Research
- Segment 10: Business Associations and Business Associates
- Segment 11: Miscellaneous Issues
- Segment 12: Individual Rights
- Segment 13: Organizational Issues
- Segment 14: Preemption and Enforcement