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Health Law and Policy is a seminar course intended to introduce non-lawyers to a selection of foundational legal issues arising in the U.S. health care system. The course covers the law of doctor-patient relationships, including professional licensure, duty to treat, informed consent, conscientious refusal, medical malpractice, and privacy protections. It also addresses current law and policy challenges related to access to care, including different approaches to health insurance and patient coverage, human rights perspectives, tackling drug costs, and patient claims to pre-approval access. The course covers legal issues relevant to special populations, such as patients with mental illness and disability, pregnant women, patients in need of organ transplant, and patients at the end of life. Finally, the course considers the legal parameters of public health authorities, FDA regulation of pharmaceutical products, and the law of research with human subjects. Across all of these areas, we will consider not only what the law is, but also what it should be.