

FOOD REGULATION AND POLICY
Fall 2024
Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:45-2:00 p.m.
Oakes 207

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Course Materials: Various handouts and web-based materials which will be posted on Canvas

Course Expectations: In this course, you are expected to come to class on time and well prepared for class discussion. Your participation in class exercises and discussions will count towards your final grade. Please note that participation does not simply mean making a comment in class. In other words, your participation will be measured by its meaningfulness and utility to the overall discussion. Even if it may not seem so to you, surfing the internet during class is both obvious and distracting and will negatively impact your final grade. In addition, always strive to be respectful of your colleagues and the classroom. Your failure to do so may result in negative consequences with respect to your final grade. Finally, you should review and must abide by the Vermont Law School Honor Code, which is found in your student handbook.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will learn to apply the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and its implementing regulations.
2. Students will practice interpreting major food laws, regulations, and policies.
3. Students will consider the role of private markets and governance as it pertains to food regulation and policy.
4. Students will analyze the relationship between the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and relevant state and local laws.

Plagiarism Policy: All work you turn in should be your own and include appropriate citations to referenced material except for those projects where you are expected to collaborate with your peers. Even in those instances, you should not seek outside help with your assignments except to ask the writing specialist to review your work.

Submitting assignments: Unless I specify otherwise, please submit any assignments by e-mail with the subject line "Food Regulation and Policy Assignment." While most assignments will take place in class, there may be some assignments not included on the syllabus that require you to do additional work outside of class. Failure to turn in an assignment on time will result in a deduction of one letter grade for each day it is late. For example, a B will become a B-. This rule is **strictly enforced** unless I have given permission to turn in an assignment late in advance of the due date. Interviews, social functions, etc. will

¹ The easiest, most reliable and fastest way to reach me is by email. You should allow at least twenty-four (24) hours before expecting to receive a response. Please use my home phone number only for emergencies.

not be considered appropriate excuses to turn in a late assignment. Also note that spelling and grammar are considered in your grades, so **please edit your work carefully**.

Grading Policy: Your grade in this course will be based on class attendance and participation, as well as any additional writing assignments, and the final take home exam. The weight given to each is as follows²:

Participation: 30% (this includes class participation, as well as any additional assignments)

Final Take Home Exam: 70%

² These percentages may be adjusted over the course of the semester depending on the assignment of additional work to be completed outside of class.