

EDUL 6011 – Special Education Law for Administrators – Fall 2007

Instructor Information

Name: C. Thomas Holmes
Email: ctholmes@uga.edu
Office location: 122 River's Crossing
Office hours: By appointment

Course Information

Course title: Special Education Law for Administrators
Course number: EDUL 6011
Course discipline: Administration
Course description: Essential special education law concepts found in the United States and Georgia constitutions, statutes, regulations, and judicial decisions, with emphasis on mastering essential legal knowledge and on applying the law in educational settings.
Course date: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 through Saturday, December 1, 2007
Location: Web Course

Course Goals

Course goals: The goal in studying the law is to try to re-create in your mind a working understanding of the basic legal principles and specific laws in special education, so that these principles and laws may serve to guide you in your conduct as a professional. It is not to make you a lawyer. A secondary goal is to increase your knowledge and application of current legal issues in special education, in particular FAPE, IDEA, FERPA, and to provide you with resources through websites and attachments that you can use long after completion of this course.

Required Readings

Materials: Reading materials are provided on-line through printed materials or links to websites that are in line with the topic of this course.
Changes to syllabus: The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

University Honor Code and Academic Honesty Policy

Introduction: All academic work must meet the standard contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Each student is responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

Grading

A careful study of the information provided in the sections of this course should provide you with a solid base of knowledge, and the skills to acquire more. You are required to hand in only the assigned

analysis from Senate Bill 10 and the final exam includes information from the modules. The final exam will be taken from the information provided to you in this course. The assignment will comprise 20% and the final will comprise 80% of your grade. An 80 is required to complete the course with an "S".

Policy for Make-up Examinations

Exam make up: Any student who is unable to take an examination must notify the instructor in writing (email or fax) with the reason and must negotiate an alternative date with the instructor.

Course Evaluation

On Line Evaluation: Each student will evaluate the course by completing the on-line evaluation of the course through WebCT. The evaluation link will be posted toward the end of the semester. In addition, a written assignment on Georgia Senate Bill 10 will be a requirement for the course.

Assistance from the Instructor

Individualized Assistance: Each student may receive individualized assistance from the instructor as needed to complete course requirements. The information on the page provides the student with a variety of ways to contact the instructor.