

Law, Policy, and Governance (LPG)

This competency focuses on understanding the rules and laws that govern higher education institutions and how they affect all stakeholders of the colleges and universities. Decisions are made in accordance with the established policies and procedures. In order to stay compliant and avoid any legal issues, it is important for faculty and staff to be knowledgeable about the policies and the applied laws that guide the institution to protect the students' rights and to provide fair operations.

Having taken EDHE 664: The Law and Higher Education, I have a strong sense of this competency area's relevance to the rules and regulations that guide the university's operations, but I also have a functional skill level. In this class, we discussed case studies and the rule of law as they affect outcomes in an educational setting, and we wrote an issues paper on the legal issues presented by social media in higher education. I thoroughly enjoyed the class and learned so much.

In my practicum at the FedEx Student-Athlete Support Center, I have begun applying this knowledge in a real-world context. As we ease into normal routine after Ice Storm Fern, my current duty has been working in the study hall and observing; however, I am looking forward to learning how the advisors balance academics with athletics to maintain eligibility under the governing body of college sports, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). I know that observing this balance will deepen my understanding of institutional compliance and the impact that the multi-billion dollar industry of college sports has on university operations.