

**Department:**Pharmacy

**Course number:** 4001 W

**Course title:** Current Topics in Pharmacy

**Credits:**3

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**Q/W:** W

**Catalog Copy:**PHRX 4001W [208W]. Current Topics in Pharmacy. Either semester. Three credits. Two hours of lecture; one hour of discussion and required readings and writings. May be repeated for credit with change of content and permission of Associate Dean. Topics will vary with each offering. Staff.

**JUSTIFICATION AND COURSE INFORMATION:**

This W in the major course will provide detailed knowledge of a specific sub area of pharmacy. Depending on the professor and the semester, the course may focus on biological, chemical, clinical/therapeutic, sociological and/or legal/ethical aspects of drugs, dosage forms and/or health care systems. Across all topic areas, relevant didactic and methodological issues are explored. In addition to learning a specific area in depth, the goals are to improve the student's writing, oral presentation and discussion skills. Writing assignments will consist of a 15 page paper (excluding references). For this paper, students will research and evaluate in detail one topic area covered in the course and will apply the concepts and methods taught in the course. Writing instruction will include written comments on each of at least two drafts and individual meetings between the course faculty and each student. Examinations plus a final exam may be incorporated into the syllabus. Section enrollment will be limited to 19 students. The student cannot pass the course with passing the W component (written) and oral presentation of this work which will represent the majority of the grade. Instructors will be regular members of the school of Pharmacy faculty; TA's will not be used for the writing portion of this course.

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