

LEGAL STUDIES (LEGL)**101 Introduction to Legal Studies 3 credit hours**

Offered fall semester. Three hours lecture a week. Fee: \$50.00.

This course is designed to provide the student with the necessary foundation to comprehend the basics of law. The course covers the development of the law. The course will also introduce students to various areas of the law including torts, criminal law, contract law, and others. The course will also provide an overview of legal terminology to prepare the student for future legal studies courses.

104 Litigation 3 credit hours

Offered spring semester. Three hours lecture a week. Fee: \$55.00.

Examines stages of civil law suits, from pre-trial preliminaries through trial and post-trial procedures. Covers gathering information through client interviews; drafting of pleadings, motions, and other documents; discovery and disclosures; preparation of briefs and memoranda.

202 Legal Research and Writing 3 credit hours

Offered spring semester. Three hours lecture and discussion a week. Fee: \$55.00.

Learn and apply advanced legal research techniques, electronic legal research, and advanced legal writing techniques. Explore federal and state legal research issues, multi-jurisdictional practice, and emerging trends in legal research. Learn and apply advanced writing skills to prepare legal memoranda, briefs, and other legal documents.

Prerequisite: Legal Studies 101 and English 101 or consent of instructor.

203 Family and Estate Law 3 credit hours

Offered fall semester. Three hours lecture and discussion per week. Fee: \$55.00.

Explore laws governing the family, parenting, custody, wills, estates and trusts. Analyze legal matters relating to marriage, divorce, custody, child support, adoption, and related topics. Examine the Paralegal's role in the client relationship, including drafting documents, administering wills and estates, and organizing trusts.

204 Real Property and Title Examination 3 credit hours

Offered spring semester. Three hours lecture a week. Fee: \$55.00.

This course will examine the basic principles of real property law, including the creation of various estates and interests in land, shared ownership, easements, covenants, mortgages, and deeds of trust. Students will gain practice in the preparation of documents such as leases, sales contracts, settlement statements, deeds, notes, mortgages, and other documents. Students will also be exposed to the rudiments of title examination.

206 Torts 3 credit hours

Offered spring semester. Three hours lecture a week. Fee: \$55.00.

Introduces the elements of tort law; negligence, duty of care, foreseeability, proximate cause, breach, damages and recovery, specific torts, and their defense. Examines pre-trial, trial, and appellate procedures.