

LAW (LAW)

LAW 1500 Introduction to Paralegal Studies 3 s.h.

This course introduces the students to the paralegal profession, including the study of the paralegal in the workplace; court structure at the federal and state levels; legal writing, research, and citation; rules of ethics and professional responsibility; and the unauthorized practice of law.

Prereq.: none.

LAW 2600 Civil Litigation and Procedure 3 s.h.

This course covers the study of drafting litigation documents such as complaint, answer and discovery pleadings, and the Rules of Civil Procedure, including application of rules to fact patterns.

Prereq.: none.

LAW 3701 Torts 3 s.h.

This course involves the basic principles of tort law (personal injury, products liability, malpractice) to study the responsibilities in a trial setting, included will be the study of collecting and preparing evidence.

Prereq.: none.

LAW 3702 Contracts 3 s.h.

This course will give the student an understanding of the law of contracts, including the formation of a contract through its termination. This includes several ways in which a contract can be entered, offered, and accepted, oral contracts, fraud, and breach of contract.

Prereq.: none.

LAW 3704 Estate Law 3 s.h.

This course involves the basic principles of estate law (wills, trust, estate administration).

Prereq.: none.

LAW 3705 Real Property/Real Estate Law 3 s.h.

This course will give the student an understanding of real property/real estate law, including the various forms of ownership in real property and personal property.

Prereq.: none.

LAW 3721 Legal Writing 3 s.h.

A continuation of CRJS 3720, this course covers more advanced computer assisted legal research techniques, as well as the drafting of legal documents such as legal memoranda, civil pleading, affidavit, legal correspondence, and other legal forms.

Prereq.: CRJS 3720.

LAW 3750 Paralegal Practicum 3 s.h.

The Paralegal Practicum is a full-semester review, application, and exploration of students' legal studies both through a collaborative classroom environment and a customized externship opportunity. The student identifies an externship opportunity that is approved by the Paralegal Department thus beginning a collaborative mentorship between workplace employer and the Paralegal Department. Students will, through in-class instruction, review and refine the legal skills they have acquired in the Paralegal Program and then apply those skills in the workplace. Throughout the semester students will collaborate regularly under the supervision of the instructor to identify workplace strengths and weaknesses so that their Paralegal skills can be further refined to accommodate the particularities of their externship responsibilities. The course will end with a collaborative career placement plan that students can continue upon completion of the Paralegal Program.

Prereq.: 4th semester standing.