LEGAL STUDIES (LS)

LS 101 INTRO TO LEGAL STUDIES

3 Credit Hours

Explores the world of law, its functions, roles and elements. An introductory look at the legal system and its functions in the United States. (3 lecture)

LS 210 LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING 1

3 Credit Hours

Research and analyze legal problems and convey legal analysis of a problem into a written format adhering to the conventions of the legal profession. (3 lecture)

LS 215 LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT

3 Credit Hours

Course covers the fundamentals of law office management. It is designed to familiarize the legal assistant with the practical inner workings of a law office, including an understanding of law office procedures. (3 lecture)

LS 220 LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING 2

3 Credit Hours

Conduct legal research and convey, in writing, legal documents. (3 lecture)

Prerequisite(s): LS 210

LS 231 LEGAL ETHICS 3 Credit Hours

Students evaluate the main philosophical theories of ethics and law while probing central moral and legal issues, examining the practical application of such theories and issues, and analyzing the interrelationship between ethics and law. (3 lecture)

LS 240 CIVIL PROCEDURES 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to the civil adjudicative process, primarily that of the federal and state courts, including jurisdiction, pleadings, discovery, dispositive motions and trial procedure. (3 lecture)

LS 291 INTERNSHIP 3 Credit Hours

Course provides a work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts in a legal setting. (3 lecture)

LS 293 COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

1-8 Credit Hours

(1-8 lecture)

LS 295 LEGAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2 Credit Hours

1-6 Credit Hours

Creation of a professional portfolio. Course works on skills related to legal professionalism and career development. (2 lecture)

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Special topics in Legal Studies. (1-6 lecture)

LS 297 SPECIAL TOPICS

LS 311 TORTS 3 Credit Hours

Comprehensive overview of the major areas of tort law, including basic intentional torts, defamation and privacy, negligence, strict (or absolute) liability, product liability, and nuisance and understanding of the concepts relevant to all torts. (3 lecture)

LS 315 CONTRACTS 3 Credit Hours

Introduction to principles of contract law, including the formation, performance and interpretation of contracts, and the consequences of failure to perform contracts. (3 lecture)

LS 320 PROPERTY & PROBATE 3 Credit Hours

Introduction and overview of the ownership and process of transferring assets. Topics include real and personal property, trusts, wills and gifts, administration of decedent's estates, probate procedure, federal and state estate and income taxes and fiduciary accounting and responsibilities. (3 lecture)

LS 330 EVIDENCE 3 Credit Hours

A systematic study of the rules of evidence emphasizing the role and importance to any legal action. Specifically how the paralegal assists in identifying admissible evidence and the challenges to admissibility of evidence are examined. (3 lecture)

LS 335 FAMILY LAW 3 Credit Hours

Course provides practical and procedural aspects of family law practice by exploring matrimonial law, divorce, alimony, child custody, adoption, paternity, abortion and family violence. (3 lecture)

LS 393 COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

1-12 Credit Hours

(1-12 lecture)

LS 397 SPECIAL TOPICS

1-6 Credit Hours

(1-6 lecture)

LS 399 INDEPENDENT STUDY

1-9 Credit Hours

Research in selected areas of Legal Studies under the direction of a faculty member. (1-9 lecture)

LS 460 CAPSTONE

2 Credit Hours

Course provides an opportunity for students to review, enhance and demonstrate their knowledge and practical application of the law in a legal office setting. (2 lecture)

2 LEGAL STUDIES (LS)

LS 497 SPECIAL TOPICS 1-6 Credit Hours

(1-6 lecture)