

DESCRIPTIONS FOR LGL COURSES FOR PARALEGAL STUDIES MAJORS

(as of June 18, 2014)

LGL 1010 INTRODUCTION TO LAW

[3 hours] This course is designed to improve oral and written communication skills through the study of contracts, real property, torts, and criminal law. The course includes the structure and operation of the state and federal court systems, as well as the status and uses of paralegals and the legal team.

LGL 1150 TORT LAW

[3 hours] This course covers the traditional areas of tort law, including negligence, trespass, mental distress, and conversion as well as the defenses of these claims. The course is taught with a balanced mix of substantive law to current real-world practical applications and assignments for paralegals. Traditional as well as on-line sections of this course are offered.

LGL 1160 LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING AND CASE ANALYSIS

[3 hours] This course provides students with an understanding of the function of the law library research techniques, legal analysis, and writing skills through use of traditional law library materials and computerized legal research techniques using Lexis, Westlaw, Casemaker, and the Internet. Prerequisite: LGL 1010.

LGL 1720 LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

[3 hours] This course exposes students to various management structures within and administration of the law office and other legal environments. Critical thinking will be applied to management theories and applications. *(Please note: this course is also offered on-line, through distance learning, over the Internet.)*

LGL 2020 CIVIL PROCEDURE

[3 hours] This course is an in-depth study of the Rules of Civil Procedure, including application of rules to fact patterns. Students will draft litigation documents including complaint, answer and discovery pleadings. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1150.

LGL 2110 ESTATE & PROBATE ADMINISTRATION

[3 hours] This course studies the common forms of wills and trusts and a survey of the fundamental principles of law applicable to each; the organization and jurisdiction of the probate court, the administration of estates in probate court, and estate and inheritance taxes.

LGL 2120 REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

[3 hours] This course studies the law of real property and common types of real estate transactions and conveyances, such as deeds, land installment contracts, sales contracts, and leases, with emphasis on researching, drafting and recording of documents related thereto.

LGL 2130 FAMILY LAW

[3 hours] This course studies the law regarding formation of marriage, and all matters relating to the termination of the marriage, including divorce, dissolution, and all matters relating to the termination of a marriage. Students will be trained to conduct client interviews, draft pleading and associated courts forms, and calculate support under state mandated guidelines. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1160.

LGL 2210 PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

[3 hours] This course takes a look at the substantive and procedural aspects of various administrative law agencies such as: social security, unemployment, and worker's compensation. Emphasis is on providing skills to practice in administrative law.

LGL 2700 ADVOCACY: MOCK TRIAL

[3 hours] This course provides an in-depth survey of the trial process, exposing students to each step of a trial in a hands-on fashion. The course will be taught utilizing traditional lecture, reading, and actual mock trial experience.

LGL 2940 PARALEGAL INTERNSHIP

[3 hours] Field experience in law offices. Students are placed in various paralegal positions by the program director. Students will meet for job-related seminar once a week and will work at their assign law office for 180 hours during the semester. Prerequisite: Permission of program director and attendance at pre-registration seminar. *(Note: This Internship is used for the Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies; the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate; and the Nurse Paralegal Certificate.)*

LGL 3010 LAW OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

[3 hours] This course studies business entities: sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations. Students perform a critical analysis of business entities, de facto and de jure entitites. Students complete articles of incorporation, bylaws and minute books. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1720.

LGL 3030 ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING

[3 hours] Focus on advanced legal writing. Students will be challenged to master computer-assisted legal research methods and analytical legal writing. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1160.

LGL 3050 BANKRUPTCY PRACTICES & CONSUMER APPLICATIONS

[3 hours] This course provides a survey of consumer laws including landlord-tenant relationships, consumer sales practices, uniform commercial code transactions, credit card law, garnishment, fair debt collection practices act, and the United States Bankruptcy Code. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1160.

LGL 3330 LITIGATION

[3 hours] This course focuses on evidence and investigation, applying critical thinking skills to actual litigation cases. Students analyze court pleadings for appropriateness and alternative mechanisms and study post trial and appellate matters. Prerequisite: LGL 1150 and LGL 2020.

LGL - 3350 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

[3 hours] Students will overview conflict theory, resolution and its history. Students will focus on skills necessary for alternative dispute resolution: negotiation, mediation, arbitration, summary jury trial, and mini trial. Prerequisite: LGL 1010, LGL 1150, and LGL 2020.

LGL - 4030 CONTRACT LAW

[3 hours] This course focuses on the laws concerning creation and termination of contracts. Students will analyze contractual terms including reliance, capacity, unconscionability, conditions, assignments, third-party beneficiaries and the effect of changed circumstances. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1160.

LGL 4130 CLINIC EXPERIENCE

[3 hours] Interviewing and investigation techniques to prepare students to work in a clinical and legal environment. Prerequisite: LGL 1010 and LGL 1160.

LGL 4940 ADVANCED PARALEGAL INTERNSHIP

[3 hours] Field experience for seniors, placement within their specialty. Students meet for 1 hour seminar and work in an assigned law office for approximately 12 hours per week. (Prerequisite: Prior permission of Program Director and attendance at pre-registration seminar) *(Note: This Internship is used for the Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies.)*