



Syllabus

PLG 125 Legal Research & Writing I

General Information

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Business

Course Prefix

PLG

Course Number

125

Course Title

Legal Research & Writing I

Course Information

Credit Hours

3

Lecture Contact Hours

3

Lab Contact Hours

0

Other Contact Hours

0

Catalog Description

This course is designed to introduce the student to the fundamental concepts of legal research and analysis through the use of FLCC's law library. The student will be introduced to primary and secondary sources of law. Emphasis will be placed on finding and analyzing both statutory and case law along with proper citation format. The student will be introduced to the preparation of simple legal documents and will prepare at least one legal research memorandum.

Key Assessment

This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs

Prerequisites

ENG 101 and PLG 100

Co-requisites

None

Grading Scheme

Letter

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course **DOES NOT** satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

None

FLCC Values

Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Inquiry
Perseverance
Interconnectedness

Course Learning Outcomes

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1. Locate primary and secondary sources of law.
2. Analyze statutory and case law.
3. Prepare a proper legal memorandum answering a legal issue posed by a fact scenario.

Outline of Topics Covered

- I. Court Systems
 - A. Federal
 - B. State
- II. Sources of Law
 - A. Primary
 - B. Secondary

- III. Case Law
 - A. Citations
 - B. Finding Case Law
 - C. Shepardizing
 - D. Reading & Analyzing Cases
 - E. Briefing Cases
- IV. Statutory Law
 - A. Citations
 - B. Finding Statutes
 - C. Reading & Analyzing Statutes
- V. Use of Secondary Sources in Legal Research
 - A. Digests
 - B. Legal Encyclopedias
 - C. Other Secondary Sources
- VI. Introductory Legal Analysis
 - A. Key Facts
 - B. Issue Identification
 - C. Application of the Law
- VII. Legal Correspondence & Internal Office Memoranda