



Syllabus

PLG 225 Legal Research and Writing II

General Information

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Business

Course Prefix

PLG

Course Number

225

Course Title

Legal Research and Writing II

Course Information

Credit Hours

3

Lecture Contact Hours

3

Lab Contact Hours

0

Other Contact Hours

0

Catalog Description

This course is a continuation of Legal Research & Writing I with an emphasis on clear and effective legal writing. In this course, the student is exposed to more complicated legal research requiring careful research and detailed legal analysis. Students will also be instructed in computer assisted legal research. Assignments include legal research memoranda and various pleadings.

Key Assessment

This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs

Prerequisites

PLG 100 and PLG 125

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. Analyze fact scenarios to determine the legal issues raised by those scenarios.
2. Conduct research to determine the answers to various legal questions.
3. Draft well written legal memoranda.
4. Use computers effectively in legal research

Outline of Topics Covered

- I. Review of Basic Legal Research Procedures
- II. The Internet & Research
 - A. Factual Research
 - B. Legal Research
- III. Computerized Assisted Legal Research

- A. Types of Computer Assisted Legal Research
- B. Finding Primary Authority
- C. Finding Secondary Authority
- IV. Advanced Legal Analysis
 - A. Numerous Issues in One Case
 - 1. Spotting the Issues
 - 2. How to Organize Issues for Research and Writing
 - B. Counteranalysis
 - 1. Importance
 - 2. Techniques
 - 3. Where to Place It in a Memorandum
- V. General Legal Writing
 - A. Considerations
 - B. Legalese
 - C. Importance of Good, Basic Writing Skills
- VI. Research and Writing of Legal Memoranda
- VII. Specific Court Documents
 - A. Pleadings
 - 1. Complaint
 - 2. Answer
 - B. Affidavits
 - C. Motions