



Syllabus

PLG 245 Tort Law

General Information

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Business

Course Prefix

PLG

Course Number

245

Course Title

Tort Law

Course Information

Credit Hours

3

Lecture Contact Hours

3

Lab Contact Hours

0

Other Contact Hours

0

Catalog Description

This course is designed to give the student an introduction to the principles of personal injury law. Topics to be covered include: negligence, assault, battery, and false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, trespass to land, trespass to chattel, conversion, defamation, strict product liability, and professional malpractice. Emphasis will be placed on the role of a paralegal in personal injury litigation with preparation and discussion of pertinent documents and filing issues.

Key Assessment

This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs

Prerequisites

PLG 125 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

Vitality

Inquiry

Interconnectedness

Course Learning Outcomes

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1. Identify the various intentional torts.
2. Apply the elements of negligence and the defenses to negligence to fact scenarios.
3. Explain the theories of product liability.

Outline of Topics Covered

I. Introduction to Tort Law

- A. Definition
- B. Relationship Between Tort Law and Other Areas of the Law
- C. Classification of Torts

II. Tort Litigation

- A. Paralegal Roles
- B. Tort Litigation Process

III. Intentional Torts

- A. Assault
- B. Battery
- C. False Imprisonment
- D. Misuse of Legal Proceedings
- E. Infliction of Emotional Distress
- F. Conversion and Trespass to Chattels

IV. Strict Liability

V. Negligence

- A. Elements
- B. Defenses
- C. Medical Malpractice

V. Products Liability

VI. Additional Torts

- A. Torts Against and within the Family
- B. Torts Connected with Land
- C. Defamation
- D. Invasion of Privacy
- E. Misrepresentation and Tortious Interference