

J. SARGEANT REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix Number: LGL 110

Credits: 3

Course Title: Introduction to Law and the Paralegal

Course Description: Introduces various areas of law in which a paralegal may be employed. Includes study of the court system (Virginia and federal); a brief overview of criminal law, torts, family law, evidence, the U.C.C., contracts, and ethics; the role of the paralegal; and other areas of interest. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ENG 111 or permission of instructor. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is a requirement for the Paralegal Studies AAS degree.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite or Co-requisite: ENG 111 or permission of instructor

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Describe the functions of a paralegal;
- b. Apply knowledge of the federal and Virginia court system; and
- c. Apply knowledge of the various substantive areas of law.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Function and role of the paralegal
- b. Federal and state court system
- c. Substantive areas of law:
 1. Personal property
 2. Torts
 3. Contracts, including the U.C.C.
 4. Real estate
 5. Business entities
 6. Estates and trusts
 7. Criminal law

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