

PARALEGAL (PLG)

PLG 101 INTRODUCTION TO LAW 3 Credit

Introduction to basic legal concepts common to private and public law systems. General principles involved in tort, contract, law of association, property, family law, criminal law, and criminal procedure. Student will become familiar with court procedures and organization.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Attributes: Fulfills ELA Social Science

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 203 INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL ANALYSIS 3 Credit

Students are expected to master basic legal research and writing. Study will be directed at the law and the legal process, centering on an exploration of legal reasoning and legal methods. The functions of courts and legislation will be examined in the context of the development of legal rules in the common law and the interaction of case and statutory law. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in PLG 101 recommended

Pre-requisite: PLG 101

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

Equivalencies: PLG 103

PLG 305 LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 4 Credit

Advanced work in legal research and writing. Emphasis is on how to use the reference tools fully, including computer based legal research. Writing assignments involve complex legal drafting and persuasive writing. Expected to be offered Fall semesters Distance Learning: Spring semesters

Pre-requisite: PLG 203, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 325 PERSONAL INJURY LAW 3 Credit

Provides an in depth look at a civil lawsuit from the aspect of both the injured party ("Plaintiff") and the tortfeasor ("Defendant"). While a primary focus is Negligence and liability associated with negligent actions, the course also focuses on intentional acts such as defamation, fraud, battery, assault and invasion of privacy and strict liability associated with dangerous products. A goal of the course is to provide the student with the elements of each cause of action and/or defenses so that the student will be prepared to work hand in hand with a supervising attorney to draft the legal documents associated with a civil lawsuit. Affirmative defenses such as contributory negligence and comparative negligence are covered as well as an in depth look at Insurance Bad Faith Law. If a student intends on working with a Personal Injury Firm or an Insurance Defense Firm, the Course is essential.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 333 LITIGATION AND TRIAL PRACTICE 3 Credit

Preparation of pleadings and other documents used in trials and appeals of civil actions. Students analyze types of litigation and draft types of motions, pleadings, and discovery documents associated with a civil lawsuit based upon common fact scenarios. Explains the role of legal assistants in investigating facts and preparing pertaining documents.

Pre-requisite: PLG 101, PLG 203, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 336 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 3 Credit

This introductory environmental law course will focus on the legal regulations of pollution and waste management. The course will cover a number of federal environmental statutes, including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Superfund law. In studying these statutes, also considered are a number of more general issues relating to environmental regulation, including the proper goals of environmental regulation; the roles of science and risk assessment; the valuation of environmental injuries and environmental benefits; and the choice of regulatory approach, ranging from command-and-control regulation to information disclosure requirements.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 364 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS 3 Credit

Legal aspects of business organizations: corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships and agency law relationships. Emphasis on drafting and maintaining various forms of business organizations.

Pre-requisite: BUS 335, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 370 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 3 Credit

Analysis of constitutional principles and doctrines, precedents and interpretations of courts in judicial review by studying leading cases in criminal and civil law.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117, PLS 150

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

Equivalencies: PLS 370

PLG 373 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY LAW 3 Credit

Legal provisions and documents pertaining to marriage, separation, divorce, communal property, child custody, child support, adoption, and other domestic relations.

Pre-requisite: PLG 333, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 375 PROPERTY LAW 3 Credit

Personal and real property documents and pertaining law; mineral and energy resources, mortgages, zoning and covenants, titles, legal descriptions, and appraisals.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117, BUS 335

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 376 ESTATE LAW 3 Credit

Principles, provisions, and documents pertaining to wills and trusts. Includes jurisdiction of probate courts, estate and inheritance taxation, and estate planning.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 388 PSYCHOLOGY AND LAW 3 Credit

This course is designed to help students in the helping professions to understand the underlying assumptions of law and the legal system. The material will cover four primary areas: overview of the legal system and basic legal/ethical concerns, malpractice, domestic and family law, and civil commitment.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 392 SPECIAL TOPICS: 1-6 Credit

Expected to be offered: Sufficient Demand

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture

PLG 396 CLINICAL PRACTICUM 3 Credit

Expected to be offered: Fall and Spring Semesters

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Lecture, IN/FE/Rsrch/Thsis/Prjct/Capstn

PLG 397 FIELD EXP IN LEGAL ASSISTANCE 3 Credit

Internships designed to provide practical experience in legal settings.

Pre-requisite: PLG 305, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Other to Include Option of IP, Standard Letter

Course Offerings: IN/FE/Rsrch/Thsis/Prjct/Capstn

PLG 403 NEGOTIATION & MEDIATION 3 Credit

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is the use of methods and techniques to settle disputes without court adjudication (trials).

This course will discuss various types of ADR with an emphasis on Negotiation and Mediation. Students will have the opportunity to engage in simulated negotiations and mediations.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 405 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW 3 Credit

Introduces paralegal or Government students to the processes of administrative agency rule making and adjudication. Examination of agency decision-making procedures in light of relevant statutes. Analysis of agency powers to issue regulations, penalize violators, and implement legislative goals. Discussion of constitutional and statutory limitations on agency discretion and conduct and of courts' power to review agency decisions. Federal agencies emphasized.

Pre-requisite: PLG 150, PLG 203, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 420 DEBTOR-CREDITOR LAW 3 Credit

Examines basic concepts in the debtor-creditor relationship including the rights and interests of both parties in a transaction. Principles of bankruptcy stressed.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117, PLG 333, BUS 335

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 430 LEGAL AND PARALEGAL CAPSTONE 3 Credit

Legal Studies majors conduct research in approved legal substantive topics and produce an article-length study under the direction of faculty. Students are expected to be engaged in other student's research in the form of critique and argument.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 441 LANDLORD-TENANT LAW WORKSHOP 1 Credit

Basic concepts of the law of landlord-tenant relations. Bailment, breach of contract, eviction proceedings tenant rights and duties, and landlord rights and obligations from a case approach. Students will learn about lease forms and drafting of simple leases, commercial leasing concepts and current Montana law.

Pre-requisite: ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 461 EVIDENCE AND REMEDIES 3 Credit

Discussion, in a problem-oriented format, of the Rules of Evidence applicable to litigation, appellate procedures and general civil procedures. Exploration of remedies available to injured party in a contract, tort, or equity action.

Pre-requisite: PLG 333, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: Hybrid, Lecture, Web Based

PLG 493 LEGAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE 1-3 Credit

Training select paralegal students in advanced legal research techniques, with emphasis upon computerized research systems.

Pre-requisite: PLG 305, ENG 117

Grade Mode: Standard Letter, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: IN/FE/Rsrch/Thsis/Prjct/Capstn

PLG 495 INTERNSHIP 1-15 Credit

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

Grade Mode: Other to Include Option of IP, Audit, Pass/Fail, Transfer

Course Offerings: IN/FE/Rsrch/Thsis/Prjct/Capstn