Course Prefix Number: LGL 110  

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

Course Objectives:  
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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