

**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

**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

**Effective Date of course content summary:** June 2, 2016