

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: LGL 125

Credits: 3

Course Title: Legal Research

Course Description: Provides an understanding of various components of a law library, and emphasizes research skills through the use of digests, encyclopedias, reporter systems, codes, citations, ALR, and other research tools. May include research through electronic databases, overview of computer applications, and writing projects. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course serves as a requirement for the Paralegal Studies AAS.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Perform legal research;
- b. Identify legal resources; and
- c. Research a legal case or problem.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Preliminary procedure in legal research
- b. Court reports
- c. Federal court decisions
- d. State court decisions and the national reports
- e. Digests for court reports
- f. Annotated law reports
- g. ~~Shepherd's~~ Citations

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: June 2, 2016