

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

Course Prefix and Number: LGL 215

Credits: 3

Course Title: Torts

Course Description: Studies fundamental principles of the law of torts and may include preparation and use of pleadings and other documents involved in the trial of a civil action. Emphasizes intentional torts, negligence, personal injury, products liability, and malpractice cases. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To acquaint the students in the Paralegal Studies, Litigation specialization with the law of torts, including personal and property torts and defenses.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify tort actions and their defenses;
- b. Recognize various pleadings used in certain tort actions; and
- c. Describe the defenses to a tort action.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Intentional torts and their defenses
- b. Negligence
 1. Contributory negligence
 2. Assumption of risk
 3. Last clear chance
- c. Defamation of character
 1. Slander
 2. Libel
- d. Products liability
 1. Negligence
 2. Breach of warranty
 3. Strict liability
- e. Medical malpractice
- f. Legal malpractice
- g. Miscellaneous tort doctrines and theories
 1. Emergency doctrine
 2. Good Samaritan statute
 3. Slip and fall cases
 4. Res ipsa loquitor
 5. Workers' compensation

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: June 2, 2016