

## Master Syllabus

### PAR 2511 - Online Legal Research

**Division:** Business and Public Services

**Department:** Paralegal

**Credit Hour Total:** 1.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 1.0

**Prerequisite(s):** PAR 1201

**Other Prerequisite(s):** AND Restricted to Majors

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### Course Description:

Advanced use of computer-assisted research to find federal and state statutory and case law. Analysis of law. Students use LEXIS-NEXIS, and free legal resources.

### General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Information Literacy Competency
- ▣ Written Communication Competency

### Course Outcomes:

#### Low cost legal resources: Casemaker, Loislaw, Cornell Law

Use low cost legal resources to find federal and state sources of law and secondary sources.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

Students must attain a minimum of 79% on exams.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations  
**Performance Criteria:**

Students must timely complete all assignments, meeting stated written and oral requirements at a performance rate of 79% or higher.

#### Legal Writing

Apply the research skills and the stages of the writing process to prepare written legal work.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

Students must attain a minimum of 79% on exams.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations  
**Performance Criteria:**

Students must timely complete all assignments, meeting stated written and oral requirements at a performance rate of 79% or higher.

#### Advanced online research using Lexis

Use Lexis advanced research techniques to find federal and state sources of law and secondary resources.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

Students must attain a minimum of 79% on exams.

**Assessment Method:** Simulations  
**Performance Criteria:**

Students must timely complete all assignments, meeting stated written and oral requirements at a performance rate of 79% or higher.

### Outline:

Advanced online research using Lexis  
Low cost legal resources: Casemaker, Loislaw, Cornell Law  
Legal Writing