

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

Date Revised: April 2013

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:

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