

PARALEGAL STUDIES (PLGL)

PLGL 100. Introduction to Paralegal Studies & Ethics. (3 Credits)

This course introduces the function and sources of American law, the American legal system, and legal practice, focusing on the role of the paralegal. This course also examines ethical considerations in the practice of law that paralegals are likely to encounter. Attorney and paralegal ethical codes are examined.

PLGL 101. Legal Research & Writing I. (3 Credits)

This course teaches students the principles of legal research and focuses on locating and analyzing case law, statutes, regulations, and other legal authorities and secondary sources to solve legal problems. Students will apply research to writing legal memoranda and other practical writing exercises. Students are trained in the use of WESTLAW computerized legal research and alternative electronic research methods. Both federal and Wisconsin materials are used extensively in this course.

PLGL 102. Legal Research & Writing II. (3 Credits)

This course teaches students the principles of legal research and focuses on locating and analyzing case law, statutes, regulations, and other legal authorities and secondary sources to solve legal problems. Students will apply research to writing legal memoranda and other practical writing exercises. Students are trained in the use of WESTLAW computerized legal research and alternative electronic research methods. Both federal and Wisconsin materials are used extensively in this course.

Prerequisite: PLGL 101.

PLGL 201. Civil Litigation I. (3 Credits)

This course studies civil litigation principles and practices prior to and through trial, including an introduction to procedures in the courts and administrative agencies. The course focus is on preparation of initial pleadings, documents related to discovery, motion practice and trial. The course also examines pre-litigation investigation and fact-gathering strategies used in the practice of law.

PLGL 210. Tort Law. (3 Credits)

This course examines areas of legal liability commonly encountered by individuals and business as well as the methods of liability avoidance. Topics covered include intentional torts, negligence, strict liability, product liability, malpractice, premises liability, consumer protection, and other areas of tort liability.

PLGL 220. Contract Law. (3 Credits)

This course examination the formation of effective legal contracts, how contracts are performed, and how to remedy for nonperformance or breach of contract. Contract drafting, analysis and litigation skills learned in this course apply to a wide variety of legal situations.

PLGL 230. Legal Aspects of Business Org. (3 Credits)

This course provides an overview of the formation and operation of business enterprises, focusing on the sole proprietorship, forms of partnerships, limited liability companies, and incorporated entities. Students are introduced to the advantages and disadvantages of each form of business organization, explore ethical considerations, and draft various documents as they pertain to the formation, maintenance, and dissolution.