

PSCI 328 - Real Estate Law for Paralegals; Fall Semester, 2014; Tuesday's 7:20 – 10:00 p.m.

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Text: Essentials of Real Estate Law  
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Course Description: This course focuses on legal principles governing real estate transactions including estates in land, ownership rights, landlord/tenant relations, restrictions of use, sales contracts, deeds, and mortgages. Emphasis is on the practical skills needed by paralegals to perform all types of real estate transactions, ethical considerations for a paralegal working in this area, and emerging computer applications and resources in real estate practice.

Course Objectives:

1. To give students a basic overview of property law issues.
2. To expose students to the role and ethical obligations of the paralegal in real estate transactions.
3. To expose students to document preparation and emerging computer applications

Students should be able to demonstrate comprehension/understanding of these areas through class room discussion and test results. Students will also research legal issues to be presented by the instructor then draft office briefs/memos concerning the issue. Students will become familiar with various computer programs utilized in day to day law office operations.

Assignments: (the following is tentative and may be amended or modified as situations dictate)

August 26, 2014	Discuss syllabus, Text Book, and overview upcoming semester
September 2, 2014	Overview of Real Property
September 9, 2014	Estates in Land
September 16, 2014	Concurrent Ownership
September 23, 2014	Exam #1
September 30, 2014	Landlord/Tenant Law
October 7, 2014	Rights and Duties Incident to Real Property
October 14, 2014	Restrictions of the Use of Real Property

October 21, 2014	Transfers of Real Property
October 28, 2014	Exam #2
November 4, 2014	Real Estate Sales
November 11, 2014	Lending and the Title Search
November 18, 2014	Deeds, Mortgages, and Promissory Notes
November 25, 2014	Exam #3
December 2, 2014	The Closing and Recording
December 9, 2014	Final Examination

Exams: Each exam will be of equal value including the comprehensive final examination. Exam content will be Short Answer, Multiple Choice, and Essay. The grading scale is as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-90
C	70-80
D	60-70
F	Below 60

Classroom Etiquette: All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct).

Class participation is expected and encouraged. Class begins at 7:20 p.m. and continues until 10:00 p.m. You may be allowed to leave early to go to the Library to work on the following week's assignment.

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