

COURSE SYLLABUS

PLGL 222: INTRODUCTION TO LAW (3 semester hours)

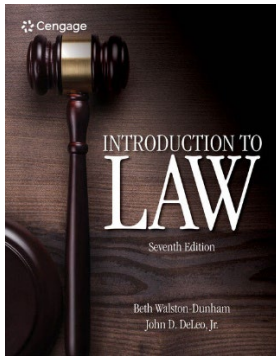
Online Course

Lecture: Tuesday/Thursday, 3:30 – 4:45 PM

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Required Texts

Introduction to Law



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Course Description

This course provides an overview of the law and the legal system. Topics include basic legal concepts and terminology in various areas of the law; structure, jurisdictions, functions, practices, and political impact of the judicial system at the local, state, and national levels; current issues in law; and ethical obligations of the paralegal.

Course Objectives

The goal of this course is to enable the student to:

- Understand the role of the paralegal as a legal professional and related ethics;
- Identify the structure and procedures of federal and state court systems;
- Identify functions and interrelationship of judicial, executive and legislative branches of government as well as administrative agencies;
- Analyze various types of law in the context of factual scenarios.

Attendance/Participation Policy

Attendance at the live lectures is required. If you miss more than 4 classes I reserve the right to drop you from the course.

You are expected to know how to navigate and use the D2L platform by utilizing the trainings made available to you by the University. You are expected to attend and participate in the online live lectures each week. Live lectures are conducted using Zoom. You must prepare for the class discussion by reading ALL of the material assigned prior to class

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As Instructor, I reserve the right to amend, modify, or alter this syllabus as the situation may require. (This is a wish list of what I would like to cover in this class this semester so don't be surprised if the schedule is amended.)

Tentative Course Reading Assignments

Reading Assignments are Due prior to class on Tue. all other assignments will be due the Sunday of that week at 12:00PM

Week 1

Live lecture first class Aug 25th @ 3:30 PM
Course Overview
No Readings required lecture only

Week 2

Aug 31-6 Sep
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 1
Quiz

Week 3

Sep 7-13
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 2:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 4

Sep 14-20
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 3:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 5

Sep 21-27
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 4:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 6

Sep 28 - 4 Oct
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 5:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 7

Oct 5–11
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 6:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Mid term Test

Week 8 Oct 12-18
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 8:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 9 Oct 19-25
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 9:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 10 Oct 26 – 1 Nov
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 10:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 11 Nov 2-8
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 11:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 12 Nov 9-15
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 12:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 13 Nov 16-22
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 13:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 14 Nov 23-29
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 14:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 15 Nov 30-6
Live lectures on Tue and Thur @ 3:30 PM
Chapter 15:
Assignment: Provided During Lecture

Week 16 Dec 7-11 Finals Week

Final