

# Course Abstract

**Course ID and Name:** PLS 101, Legal Research

**Department:** Business and Computer Science

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**Prerequisites:** ENG-121, PLS-100

**Co-requisites:** ENG-121, PLS-100

## Course Description:

An introduction to the American legal system and the New Jersey court system. Students use the law library including encyclopedias, reporter systems, digests, and administrative codes including updating resources. Students are introduced to the use of computer assisted research by use of WESTLAW.

**Credits:** 3

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## Learning Outcomes:

**Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:**

1. Identify and use different types of primary authority including statutes, cases, constitutions, and regulations.
2. Identify and use different types of secondary authority including legal encyclopedias.
3. Differentiate between mandatory and persuasive authority.
4. Explain federal and state court systems and the sources of law.

## Course Content Areas:

- Statutes
- Cases
- Citators
- Digests
- Constitutions
- Administrative Regulations
- Secondary Authority