

Course Abstract

Course ID and Name: PLS 121, Advanced Legal Research

Department: Business and Computer Science

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Prerequisites: PLS-100, PLS-101, PLS-113, CSC-105 or CSC-106

Co-requisites: PLS-100, PLS-101, PLS-113, CSC-105 or CSC-106

Course Description:

A continuation of the study of legal research using online resources, with an emphasis on Westlaw and the Internet.

Credits: 2

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To foster a productive learning environment, the College requires that all students adhere to the Code of Student Conduct which is published in the college catalog and website.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Find, read, and understand different types of primary and secondary authority on Westlaw and Lexis.
2. Create efficient research queries in both natural and Boolean logic.
3. Locate legal material on the internet and analyze the currency, accuracy, and reliability of the material and website proffering same.

Course Content Areas:

- Finding Documents on Westlaw
- Finding Documents on Lexis
- Law on the Internet