

Course Abstract

Course ID and Name: PLS 225, Portfolio Project for Paralegals

Department: Business and Computer Science

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Prerequisites: PLS-100, PLS-101, PLS-113, PLS-121, PLS-123, and 15 additional credits of paralegal courses (PLS Courses) and permission of the PLS program director or department chair.

Co-requisites: None

Course Description:

Students integrate their knowledge of theoretical concepts and practical application of legal research and substantive law through case analysis and the completion of the assigned project. Students review news and legal sources regarding the project. Students review news and legal sources regarding an issue pending before the Supreme Court, analyzing the issue and the positions of the parties and predicting the outcome of the case. Students also prepare resumes in proper business format.

Credits: 1

If you need accommodations due to a disability, contact Disability Services in Edison Hall Room 100, 732.906.2546.

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. Demonstrate knowledge of legal research and substantive areas of the law through written case analysis and oral presentations.
2. Analyze factual situations and apply principles of law in discussing and presenting cases.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of principles of law taught in all prerequisites through completion of a portfolio project consisting of the drafting of a memorandum of law.
4. Demonstrate, through class presentation, an ability to apply principles of law to current cases and contemporary legal issues.
5. Communicate effectively in writing.
6. Communicate effectively orally.
7. Use computer technology to accomplish assigned tasks.

Course Content Areas:

- Introduction to ePortfolio system; choice of New Jersey Supreme Court case and identification of parties, prior proceedings and issues; resume writing workshop; New Jersey Supreme Court case: facts of the case and statement of results of lower courts; review of parties' positions in Supreme Court case; research and analysis of New Jersey Supreme Court cases; oral presentations of ePortfolios.