



SPECIAL TOPICS IN PARALEGAL STUDIES

STPGL400 — Special Topics in Paralegal Studies, 3.0 hours

PROFESSOR

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ONLINE SUPPORT (IT) AND MOODLE NAVIGATION:

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BOOKS AND RESOURCES

Calvert, Clay, et al. Mass Media Law. 22nd Edition. McGraw-Hill Higher Education (US), 2022.

EVALUATION METHOD

Graded work will receive a numeric score reflecting the quality of performance.
Course Requirement Summary

- Assignments - Total of 80 Points
- Weekly discussion forums-Total of 80 Points
- Final Exam - 50 Points

GRADING SCALE

Graded work will receive a numeric score reflecting the quality of performance as given above in evaluation methods. The maximum number of points a student may earn is 210. To determine the final grade, the student's earned points are divided by 210.

Your overall course grade will be determined according to the following scale:

A = (90% -100%)
B = (80% - 89%)
C = (70% - 79%)
D = (60% - 69%)
F < (Below 60%)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/ PLAGIARISM:

Cheating (dishonestly taking the knowledge of another person whether on a test or an assignment and presenting it as your work) and plagiarism (to take and pass off as one's own the ideas or writing of another) are a serious issue. While it is legitimate to talk to others about your assignments and incorporate suggestions, do not let others "write" your assignments in the name of peer review or "borrow" sections or whole assignments written by others. We do get ideas from life experiences and what we read but be careful that you interpret these ideas and make them your own.

I am aware that many types of assignments are available on the internet and will check these sources when there is legitimate suspicion.

Penalty is a zero on the assignment. In cases where there is a major or continuous breach of trust, further discipline, such as an "F" in the course, may be necessary.

The major consequence of any form of cheating is damage to your character and the result of trust and respect.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Students who have a disability and wish to request an academic accommodation should contact Jim Gepperth, the Disabilities Services Coordinator and Academic Dean. The student can request an accommodation at any time although it is encouraged to do so early in the enrollment process. The student should complete an accommodation request form which begins a conversation between the school and the student regarding the nature of their disability and an accommodation that would help the student succeed in their program. The school may request documentation regarding the disability to address the accommodation request effectively. The school will communicate to the student the type of accommodation arranged. This process typically follows a team approach, bringing together persons from the academic department (including the instructor) and personnel from other departments as necessary. Additional information on disability accommodations may be found in the Lakewood University Catalog.

Disability Services Email: disabilityservices@lakewood.edu

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS

You can use the following resources to assist you with proper source citation.

American Psychological Association Style Guide- https://www.mylakewoodu.com/pluginfile.php/118179/mod_resource/content/1/APA%20Style%20Guide%207th%20edition.pdf

The Purdue OWL website is also a helpful resource for students. Here is a link to the OWL website: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

LIBRARY

Mary O'Dell is the Librarian on staff at Lakewood University

She is available by appointment. You can make an appointment with her by emailing her at modell@lakewood.edu or call at 1-800-517-0857 X 730

You may also schedule a meeting at this link: <https://my.setmore.com/calendar#monthly/r3a761583354923270/01032020>

She can assist you with navigating LIRN, research, citations etc.

SUPPORT

Each student at Lakewood University is assigned a Success Coach. Your Success Coach exists to assist you with academic and supportive services as you navigate your program. They will reach out to you, often, to check-in. Please use the resources they offer.

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CAREER SERVICES

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LESSONS

| TITLE | COURSE TOPIC | READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS | DUE | OBJECTIVES |
|-----------|---|--|--|----------------------------|
| Lesson #1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The American Legal SystemThe First Amendment: The Meaning of Freedom | Study Course Syllabus Read Chapters 1 & 2 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum Lesson Evaluation | | Objective 1 |
| Lesson #2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The First Amendment: Contemporary ProblemsLibel: Establishing a Case | Read Chapters 3 & 4 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum Lesson Evaluation | | Objective 2 Objective 3 |
| Lesson #3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Libel: Proof of FaultLibel: Defenses and Damages | Read Chapters 5 & 6 Complete Assignment 1 Participate in the Discussion Forum Lesson Evaluation | Assignment 1 upon completion of the lesson | Objective 3 |
| Lesson #4 | | | | Objective 3 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasion of Privacy: Appropriation and Intrusion • Invasion of Privacy: Publication of Private Information and False Light | Read Chapters 7 & 8 Participate in the Discussion Forum Complete Assignment 2 Lesson Evaluation | Assignment 2 upon completion of the lesson | Objective 4 |
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| Lesson #5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering Information: Records and Meetings • Protection of News Sources/Contempt Power | Read Chapters 9 & 10 Participate in the Discussion Forum Complete Assignment 3 Lesson Evaluation | Assignment 3 upon completion of the lesson | Objective 5 Objective 6 |

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| Lesson #6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Press-Fair Trial: Trial-Level Remedies and Restrictive Orders • Free Press-Fair Trial: Closed Judicial Proceedings | Read Chapters 11 & 12 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum Lesson Evaluation | | Objective 5 |

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| Lesson #7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation of Obscene and Other Erotic Material • Copyright and Trademark | Read Chapters 13 & 14 Review PowerPoints Participate in the Discussion Forum | | Objective 7 |

| TITLE | COURSE TOPIC | READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS | DUE |
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| Lesson #8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation of Advertising • Telecommunications Regulation | Read Chapter 15 & 16 Participate in the Discussion Forum Complete the Final Exam and Final Paper Request the Next Course Course Evaluation THANKS FOR A GREAT CLASS | Final exam and final paper upon completion of the lesson |

DESCRIPTION

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Program Objectives

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