

Paralegal Studies (PRLG)

PRLG 1000 SS Introduction to American Law 3:3:0 Fall, Spring

Studies the relationship between social values, culture and the law, with particular emphasis on current events. Examines the structure of the American court system, its processes, and the American constitutional framework and federalism, methods of alternative dispute resolution, and a survey of major areas in American law, including torts, business and contracts, intellectual property, family law and estate planning. Lab access fee of \$32 for computers applies.

PRLG 2000 Introduction to Paralegal Studies 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): PRLG 1000

Introduction to the legal profession and law office environment. Introduction to the work performed by paralegals, regulation of the paralegal profession, paralegal professional organizations, and lawyer and paralegal professional ethics. Examines in depth the issues of paralegal licensing and the unauthorized practice of law. Introduction to the legal system, the sources of American law, and to legal research using Casemaker. Lab access fee of \$32 for computers applies.

PRLG 2100 Civil Litigation I 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010; PRLG 2000

Overviews court system, emphasizing the Utah State Courts, rules of procedure for civil, criminal and appellate court processes. Reviews all phases of litigation, from pre-litigation and strategic planning through post-judgment processes. Resolves questions of jurisdiction, venue, choice of law, litigation strategy, discovery, and other key processes.

PRLG 2200 Legal Research and Writing I 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010; PRLG 2000 * Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): PRLG 1000

Introduces the student to the legal system and legal sources including case law, statutory law, administrative regulations, and secondary sources. Provides basic instruction in print research in the law library and to electronic research using Westlaw and government resources. Emphasizes legal analysis and introduces students to legal writing. Lab access fee of \$32 for computers applies.

PRLG 2300 Technology in Law Practice 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s): PRLG 2100

Introduces computer technology and its application within law practice. Teaches the use of computers in litigation support, case management applications and production of legal documents. Includes lab experience using computers and simulated case problems. Completers should be qualified to work in jobs requiring case management and automated litigation support. Lab access fee of \$32 for computers applies.

PRLG 281R Internship 1 to 8:0:5 to 40 Fall, Spring, Summer

Designed for paralegal majors to provide on-the-job work experience on a paid basis that will utilize the student's skills and abilities in the fields of law, law office, or other approved law related situations. Requires a portfolio of acquired work experience and enhanced skills. Includes student, employer, and coordinator evaluations; on site coordinator visits; written assignments; and oral presentations. Provides experience in formulating and completing individualized work experience objectives. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation. May be graded credit/no credit.

PRLG 3100 Civil Litigation II 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s): PRLG 2100 and University Advanced Standing

Focuses on generation and creation of work product required in a civil case under the Utah and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Emphasizes initial pleadings, civil discovery processes, and pre-trial motion practice.

PRLG 3300 Criminal Law and Procedure 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s): PRLG 1000 and University Advanced Standing

Examines the legal and procedural aspects of crime, including the elements and categories of criminal acts and jurisdictional considerations. Studies the procedure of criminal prosecution according to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, from both a prosecution and defense perspective, including constitutional assurances, investigations, case preparation, motion processes, trials and appeals.

PRLG 4200 Legal Research and Writing II 3:3:0 Fall, Spring * Prerequisite(s): PRLG 2100; PRLG 2200; University Advanced Standing

Reviews basic legal research in print resources and on Westlaw and government resources. Continues development of legal research and writing skills. Introduces student to writing office memoranda and select appellate documents with continued emphasis on legal analysis. Lab access fee of \$32 for computers applies. Course fee of \$51 for software and materials applies.

PRLG 4400 Family Law 3:3:0 Fall * Prerequisite(s): PRLG 2100; PRLG 2200; University Advanced Standing

Covers family issues and drafting of legal documents relating to domestic litigation. Explores case law related to the marriage contract, divorce, adoption, guardianships, paternity, illegitimacy, and prenuptial agreements. Emphasizes family law document production in domestic cases. Lab access fee of \$32 for computers applies.

PRLG 458R Advanced Special Topics 3:3:0 Spring * Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing; PRLG 2100; PRLG 2200

Provides exposure to emerging topics of current interest in the Legal field. Topics vary each semester. May apply a maximum of 12 credits toward graduation.

PRLG 481R Internship 1 to 8:0:5 to 40 Fall, Spring, Summer * Prerequisite(s): Approval Paralegal Director and University Advanced Standing; PRLG 2100, PRLG 2200, PRLG 2300

Provides actual, on-the-job work experience in a non-paying (volunteer) basis in a law office or other approved law-related situation. Emphasizes successful work experience, especially identifying and solving problems. Completers should be qualified to work in the Paralegal profession. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. May be graded credit/no credit.