

ECU COURSE CATALOG

2025-2026 LEGAL STUDIES COURSES

LS-3223 Legal Research and Writing I 3 Credits
INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING, RESEARCH STRATEGIES, CASE BRIEFS, VOCABULARY, UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CITATION, DIGESTS, STATUTES, AND REPORTS, SHEPARD'S, ANNOTATED LAW REPORTS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND COMPUTER DATABASES. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-3233 Legal Research and Writing II 3 Credits
CONTINUATION OF LS 3223. ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH, COURT RULES, RESTATEMENTS, ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS, DRAFTING OPERATIVE LEGAL DOCUMENTS, MEMORANDA OF LAW TO THE TRIAL COURT, APPELLATE BRIEFS, TREATISES, FORM BOOKS, PERIODICALS. Required Previous: Take LS-3223 or departmental approval

LS-3243 Native American Legal Clinic 3 Credits
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN SKILLS SUCH AS CLIENT INTAKE, CASE MANAGEMENT, LEGAL RESEARCH, AND DOCUMENT DRAFTING. SPECIAL EMPHASIS IS GIVEN TO LEGAL ISSUES FACING FIRST AMERICAN TRIBAL MEMBERS. MAY BE REPEATED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 6 CREDIT HOURS.

LS-3383 Legal Systems Applications 3 Credits
A COMPREHENSIVE COURSE COVERING LEGAL OFFICE APPLICATIONS, TERMINOLOGY, ETHICS AND CONFIDENTIALITY, AND HUMAN RELATIONS. Required Previous or Concurrent: Take LSPS-2153

LS-3563 Civil Procedure and Litigation 3 Credits
TOPICS TO INCLUDE: CLIENT INTERVIEWING, CASE INVESTIGATION, VENUE, JURISDICTION, THE FILING OF PLEADINGS AND MOTIONS, DISCOVERY TECHNIQUES, FILE AND DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT, TRIAL PREPARATION AND ASSISTANCE, AND POST TRIAL PRACTICE. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4123 Torts 3 Credits
AN INTRODUCTION AND STUDY OF THE BROAD AREA OF CIVIL WRONGS AND THEIR APPROPRIATE REMEDIES. ANALYSIS OF TORT LAW PRINCIPLES IN THE TRADITIONAL AREAS OF INTENTIONAL TORTS, NEGLIGENCE, ABSOLUTE LIABILITY, PRODUCT LIABILITY, NUISANCE AND COMMONLY EMPLOYED DEFENSES. EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF TORT LAW FOR PARALEGALS AND ATTORNEYS. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4133 Evidence 3 Credits
A STUDY OF THE FEDERAL AND OKLAHOMA RULES OF EVIDENCE. ANALYSIS OF EVIDENTIARY RULES REGARDING HEARSAY, CHARACTER EVIDENCE, EVIDENCE OF OTHER CRIMES, LAY AND EXPERT TESTIMONY, AND OTHER TYPES OF EVIDENCE IN TRIALS. THE COURSE WILL FOCUS ON THE EVIDENTIARY RULES, THE POLICY REASONS FOR THOSE RULES, AND THEIR APPLICATION AT TRIAL WITH A PROGRESSION THROUGH THE LITIGATION PROCESS, UTILIZING THE RULES OF EVIDENCE. EVIDENTIARY RULES REGULATE THE ADMISSION OF PROOF IN THE TRIAL SETTING, THEREFORE, THE Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4143 Native American Law 3 Credits
AN INTRODUCTION AND STUDY OF ISSUES RELATED TO NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE LAW. EMPHASIS ON THE ANALYSIS OF SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES, TREATIES, AND NATIVE AMERICAN COURTS.

LS-4173 Contracts 3 Credits
A PRACTICAL STUDY OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF CONTRACTS. THIS COURSE FOCUSES ON FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF CONTRACT FORMATION, PERFORMANCE, BREACH, AND REMEDIES. Required Previous: LSPS-2153

LS-4183 Real Estate Law 3 Credits
THE LAW AND HISTORY OF REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND PROCEDURES. TOPICS TO INCLUDE: INFORMATION GATHERING, TITLE SEARCHES, PREPARATION OF PRE-LIMINARY ABSTRACTS OF TITLE AND TITLE OPINIONS, MORTGAGES, DEEDS, LEASES AND CLOSING PROCEDURES. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4253 Family Law 3 Credits
LAW AND PROCEDURE RELATING TO MARRIAGE, CHILDREN, AND PROPERTY. TOPICS TO INCLUDE: INTERVIEWING; PREPARATION OF PLEADINGS FOR DISSOLUTION, SUPPORT, AND DIVISION OF PROPERTY; TRACING ASSETS; DRAFTING SETTLEMENTS; AND OTHER ISSUES. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4283 Criminal Law 3 Credits
A STUDY OF THE SOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CRIMINAL LAW, ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION, INTERPRETATION, AND ENFORCEMENT, AND AN ANALYSIS OF SUPREME COURT DECISIONS TO EMPHASIZE PROBLEMS IN DUE PROCESS. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4543 Wills, Estates, Trusts and Probate 3 Credits
ESTATE PLANNING AND FIDUCIARY MANAGEMENT. TOPICS TO INCLUDE: ESTATE PLANS, WILLS, FEDERAL ESTATE TAX, STATE INHERITANCE TAX, FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX, RECORD KEEPING, COURT ACCOUNTINGS, TRUST ADMINISTRATION, AND ASSET INVENTORY. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4653 Administrative Law 3 Credits
AN EXAMINATION OF THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING AGENCY PURPOSES, RIGHTS OF PRIVATE PARTIES, LEGAL ISSUES, QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND APPEALS. Required Previous: Take LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-4863 Legal Ethics 3 Credits
AN EXAMINATION OF ETHICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING PARALEGALS AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND AN INTENSE APPLICATION OF SKILLS LEARNED IN THE LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR.

LS-4943 Legal Internship 3 Credits
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE GAINED WHILE SERVING IN A LAW OFFICE OR A LEGALLY RELATED CONTEXT UNDER PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION WITH SPECIAL PROJECTS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A FACULTY MEMBER.

LS-4981 Seminar 1 Credit
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

LS-4982 Seminar- 2 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

LS-4983 Seminar 3 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

LS-4984 Seminar 4 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.

LS-H4543 Honors-Wills, Estates, Trusts, and Probate 3 Credits
ESTATE PLANNING AND FIDUCIARY MANAGEMENT. TOPICS TO INCLUDE: ESTATE PLANS, WILLS, FEDERAL ESTATE TAX, STATE INHERITANCE TAX, FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX, RECORD KEEPING, COURT ACCOUNTINGS, TRUST ADMINISTRATION, AND ASSET INVENTORY. Required Previous: LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-H4653 Honors-Administrative Law 3 Credits
AN EXAMINATION OF THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING AGENCY PURPOSES, RIGHTS OF PRIVATE PARTIES, LEGAL ISSUES, QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND APPEALS. Required Previous: LSPS-2153 or departmental approval

LS-H4863 Hnrs Legal Ethics, Professional Responsibility, and Advanced Litigation 3 Credits
AN EXAMINATION OF ETHICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING PARALEGALS AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND AN INTENSE APPLICATION OF SKILLS LEARNED IN THE LEGAL STUDIES MAJOR.

LS-H4983 Honors-Seminar- 3 Credits
DIRECTED GROUP STUDY ON SPECIAL SUBJECT OR PROBLEM.