

Virginia Western Community College
LGL 125
Legal Research

Prerequisites

Co-requisite: LGL 126

Course Description

Provides an understanding of various components of a law library, and emphasizes research skills through the use of digests, encyclopedias, reporter systems, codes, citations, ALR, and other research tools. May include research through electronic databases, overview of computer applications, and writing projects. Lecture 3 hours per week.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials**Textbook:**

Legal Research and Writing for Paralegals, by Tepper Bevans, 1st ed., ISBN: 978-0-07352462-7

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. understand sources of law
2. know how to research, locate, read and brief a case, know how to locate, read and analyze a statute
3. be able to understand where to find and research all legal sources, including primary and secondary sources of law
4. to be able to research legal topics, issues and factual scenarios and determine what primary or secondary source of law is best suited to provide the appropriate analysis of the legal topic

Topical Description**Notes to Instructors**

None