

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. Discuss sources of law
2. Research, locate, read and brief a case, and know how to locate, read and analyze a statute
3. Discuss where to find and research legal sources, including primary and secondary sources of law
4. 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