

**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:**

The Complete Legal Writer 2020, Pryal Chew, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ISBN: 9781531019426

**Other Required Materials:**

Students will need a computer capable of accessing Canvas through the VWCC system. Students are required to use Canvas for this course.

**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