

COURSE OUTLINE

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DEPARTMENT: Academic Programs

CURRICULUM: Associate of Arts - Business

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Law

COURSE NUMBER: POLS& 200

TYPE OF COURSE: Academic Transfer
Special Requirement Met: None

AREA(S) OF KNOWLEDGE: None

COURSE LENGTH: 1 quarter

CREDIT HOURS: 5

LECTURE HOURS: 55

LAB HOURS: 0

CLASS SIZE: 35

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Fundamental concepts, structure and function of the American legal system. Emphasized the role of law in society rather than rules of law. Includes sources of law, court systems, dispute resolution, constitutional law, torts, criminal law, contracts, and legal reasoning.

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ADDRESSED:

1. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving – Students will learn to synthesize information from different sources and to evaluate various solutions.
2. Information Literacy- Access and evaluate information from a variety of sources and context regarding the law.

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course the student will:

1. Describe briefly how our legal system functions.
2. Define key legal terms.
3. Explain and/or chart the major division of our legal system.
4. Identify and describe the duties/rights under the various legal categories.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:	APPROX. HOURS
I. The Nature of Law	3
II. Structure of American Government & Legal System	3
III. The Court Process	6
IV. The Constitution	5
V. Criminal Law	6
VI. Tort Law	11
VII. Contract Law	11
VIII. Immigration Law	2
IX. Landlord-Tenant Law	4
X. Employment Law	4
Total	55

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SLO #	Included in Course Objective Number	SSCC Student Learning Outcomes
SLO 1.1	1	Communication - Read and listen actively
SLO 1.2	1	Communication - Speak and write effectively
SLO 2.1		Computation - Use mathematical operations
SLO 2.2		Computation - Apply quantitative skills
SLO 2.3		Computation - Identify, interpret, and utilize higher level mathematical and cognitive skills
SLO 3.1		Human Relations - Use social interactive skills to work in groups effectively
SLO 3.2		Human Relations - Recognize the diversity of cultural influences and values
SLO 4.1	2	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving -
SLO 5.1		Technology - Select and use appropriate technological tools
SLO 6.1	4	Personal Responsibility - Be motivated and able to continue learning and adapt to change
SLO 6.2		Personal Responsibility - Value one's own skills, abilities, ideas and art
SLO 6.3		Personal Responsibility - Take pride in one's work
SLO 6.4		Personal Responsibility - Manage personal health and safety
SLO 6.5	1, 2	Personal Responsibility - Be aware of civic and environmental issues
SLO 7.1	3	Information Literacy - Access and evaluate information
SLO 7.2		Information Literacy - Use information to achieve personal, academic, and career goals, as well as to participate in a democratic society

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