

**LS101 INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL STUDIES**

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Scheduled hours per week**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Other: 0

**Catalog Course Description:** This course will explore the world of law and its function, roles, and elements. It will cover an introductory look at the legal systems and its functions in the United States.

Pre-requisites: none

Co-requisites: none

<b>Course Learning Outcomes:</b>
Know the U.S. Legal System
Know how law is used
Understand legal principles
Be familiar with different areas of law
Understand legal procedures
Be familiar with the adjudication process

<b>Topics to be studied:</b>
The Legal System
Legal Principles
Areas of Law
Legal Process

<b>Relationship of Course to Program or Discipline Learning Outcomes:</b>	
Display a basic understanding of law and the legal system (certificate)	X
Summarize a history and evolution of the judicial system (certificate)	X
Identify the legal process and applicable laws (AAS, BAS)	X
Summarize different areas of the law at the state and federal levels (AAS, BAS)	X
Display decision-making and critical thinking skills as it relates to legal studies (AAS, BAS)	X

<b>Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:</b>	
<b>Composition and Rhetoric</b> Students illustrate a fundamental understanding of the best practices of communicating in English and meet the writing standards of their college or program-based communication requirements.	X
<b>Science &amp; Technology</b> Students successfully apply systematic methods of analysis to the natural and physical world, understand scientific knowledge as empirical, and refer to data as a basis for conclusions.	X
<b>Mathematics &amp; Quantitative Skills</b> Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	
<b>Society, Diversity, &amp; Connections</b> Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	X
<b>Human Inquiry &amp; the Past</b> Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.	X
<b>The Arts &amp; Creativity</b> Students successfully articulate and apply methods and principles of critical and creative inquiry to the production or analysis of works of art.	X

**Special requirements of the course:**

**Additional information:**

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