

LS231 LEGAL ETHICS

Credit Hours: 3

Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Other: 0

Catalog Course Description: In this course, the student is to evaluate the main philosophical theories of ethics and law, probe central moral and legal issues, examine the practical application of such theories and issues, and analyze the interrelationships between ethics and law.

Pre-requisites: LS 101

Co-requisites: none

Course Learning Outcomes:
Know how the practice of law is regulated
Be aware of the various ethical issues that affect lawyers and paralegals
Understand what activities constitute the practice of law
Know how to maintain client confidentiality
Recognize conflicts of interests
Be familiar with attorney advertising
Understand the duties of ethical behavior in litigation

Topics to be studied:
Model Rules of Professional Responsibility
West Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct
State Bar Associations
Ethics case law
Paralegal Organization and ethics codes

Relationship of Course to Program or Discipline Learning Outcomes:	
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

Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:	
Composition and Rhetoric 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
Science & Technology 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
Mathematics & Quantitative Skills Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	X
Society, Diversity, & Connections Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	X
Human Inquiry & the Past Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.	X
The Arts & Creativity 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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