



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

PLT 150 Legal Composition and Research II

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a continuation of Legal Research and Writing I. Students will participate in supervised library based research projects, including a mock legal problem, preparation of a legal memorandum, reports, and draft pleadings.

PREREQUISITE: Program Admission

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Perform basic legal research.
- Perform proper legal citation.
- Distinguish between state and federal court systems.
- Identify practical application and use of the Michigan Uniform System of Citation.
- Draft a pleading.
- Understand the role of facts in legal research.
- Develop a legal vocabulary.
- Prepare legal memoranda.
- Learn to identify issues and find the applicable law.
- Use standard court forms.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A

80%-89.9% = B

70%-79.9% = C

60%-69.9% = D

<60% = E