FLCC Course Syllabus

**General Information**

**Date**
12/01/2016

**Department**
Business

**Course Prefix:**
PLG

**Course Number:**
125

**Course Title:**
Legal Research and Writing I

**Course Information**

**Credit Hours**
3

**Lecture Contact Hours**
3

**Catalog Description**
This course is designed to introduce the student to the fundamental concepts of legal research and analysis through the use of FLCC's law library. The student will be introduced to primary and secondary sources of law. Emphasis will be placed on finding and analyzing both statutory and case law along with proper citation format. The student will be introduced to the preparation of simple legal documents and will prepare at least one legal research memorandum.

**Co-requisites**
ENG 101 and PLG 100

**Grading Scheme**
Letter Grade

**FLCC Values**

**College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course**

- Inquiry
- Interconnectedness
- Perseverance

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1: Locate primary and secondary sources of law.
2: Analyze statutory and case law.
3: Prepare a proper legal memorandum answering a legal issue posed by a fact scenario.

Program Affiliation

This course is required as a core program course in the following program(s)

AAS Paralegal
Paralegal Certificate

Outline of Topics Covered

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I. Court Systems
   A. Federal
   B. State
II. Sources of Law
   A. Primary
   B. Secondary
III. Case Law
   A. Citations
   B. Finding Case Law
   C. Shepardizing
   D. Reading & Analyzing Cases
   E. Briefing Cases
IV. Statutory Law
   A. Citations
   B. Finding Statutes
   C. Reading & Analyzing Statutes
V. Use of Secondary Sources in Legal Research
   A. Digests
   B. Legal Encyclopedias
   C. Other Secondary Sources
VI. Introductory Legal Analysis
   A. Key Facts
   B. Issue Identification
   C. Application of the Law
VII. Legal Correspondence & Internal Office Memoranda