

## COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>LAST REVIEW</b>	Spring 2021
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	Legal Research II
<b>COURSE NUMBER</b>	PRLG 0231
<b>DIVISION</b>	Social and Behavioral Sciences & Public Services
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Paralegal
<b>CIP CODE</b>	22.0302
<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	3
<b>CONTACT HOURS/WEEK</b>	Class: 3
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	PRLG 0131
<b>COURSE PLACEMENT</b>	Students must meet the correct placement measure for this course. Information may be found at: <a href="https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html">https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html</a>

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

A introduction to computerized online legal research. Projects will include in-depth practical application of research methods.

### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate the ability to identify case issues and analyze court opinions.
2. Explain basic procedural and substantive law concepts
3. Demonstrate clear and concise writing ability in preparation of office memoranda, client correspondence, and basic legal documents
4. Demonstrate ability to conduct legal interviewing, preliminary investigation and basic research
5. Evaluate scenarios relevant to ethical standards for paralegals in law office.

### Institutional Learning Outcomes

- Communication
- Computation and Financial Literacy
- Critical Reasoning
- Technology and Information Literacy
- Community and Civic Responsibility
- Personal and Interpersonal Skills

### TEXTBOOKS

<http://kckccbookstore.com/>

### METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

### COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Introduction to computer hardware, software, and databases.

- II. Orientation to basic principles of database searching and how, in general, the computer will respond to search instructions.
- III. Boolean logic and Natural Language.
- IV. Fine-tuning searches by using databases.
- V. Developing facts and legal issues.
- VI. Guidelines for formulating search requests.
- VII. Modification and revision of search results.

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- A. CLO #1      The student shall be able to identify major components of computer-assisted legal research system.
- B. CLO #2      The student shall be able to demonstrate legal analysis in preparation for research.
- C. CLO #3      The student shall be able to use the computer to find, read and update the law.
- D. CLO #4      The student shall be able to demonstrate ability to blend books and computers into a comprehensive research strategy.

### **ASSESSMENT OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Student progress is evaluated through both formative and summative assessment methods. Specific details may be found in the instructor's course information document.

### **COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

*Student Handbook*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/files/docs/student-resources/student-handbook-and-code-of-conduct.pdf>

*College Catalog*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html>

*College Policies and Statements*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/about/policies-statements/index.html>

*Accessibility and Accommodations*

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/resources/student-accessibility-support-services/index.html>