Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code
LEGL

Course Number
1104

Course Title
Legal Research

Catalog Description
This course teaches students skills in how to conduct efficient, ethical, and accurate legal research. This class will be taught using both hardback volumes and on-line researching tools. Emphasis is placed on self-teaching exercises on site and on the computer either at the student's home or on campus. Students will have access to Nexis Uni and other computerized legal research databases.

Prerequisites
N/A

Credit Hours
4 credit hours

Contact hours
60 contact hours

Load hours
4 load hours

Semesters Offered
Fall & Spring

ACTS Equivalent
N/A

Grade Mode
A-F

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:
- Describe what legal materials are available at most law libraries.
- Understand ethical issues regarding legal research.
- Use the proper forms of citation.

- Explain the differences between primary and secondary authority and between mandatory and persuasive authority.
- Research any given topic and analyze the results.
- Evaluate constitutions, case law, statutes, administrative law and legislative history.
- Verify a source.
- Explain how to Shepardize case law and statutes.
- Use bouillon logic to conduct effective on-line research.

General Education Outcomes Supported
- N/A

Standard Practices
Topics list
- N/A

Learning activities
- N/A

Assessments
- N/A

Grading guidelines
- N/A

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