

**Date:** February 2006

- I. Course Name:** Legal Research & Writing II  
**Course Prefix & Number:** PLG 225  
**Credit Hours & Contact Hours:** 3 credit hours - 3 contact hours  
**Catalog Description:**

This course is a continuation of Legal Research & Writing I with an emphasis on clear and effective legal writing. In this course, the student is exposed to more complicated legal research requiring careful research and detailed legal analysis. Students will also be instructed in computer assisted legal research. Assignments include various pleadings and court briefs. Prerequisite: PLG 100 & PLG 125 with a grade of C or better.

**II. Course Outcomes and Objectives**

**Learning Outcomes:**

The objectives of this course are:

1. The student will be able to prepare professionally written legal documents.
2. The student will be able to write a court brief.
3. The student will be able to analyze complicated scenarios, determine the legal issues involved and research the answers for the same using both primary and secondary sources of the law.
4. The student will be able to effectively use computers in his or her legal research.

**Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum:**

The course is required for students matriculated in the Paralegal A.A.S. degree program. Students matriculated in other degree programs may take the course with the permission of the instructor

**College Competencies Addressed by the Course:**

Legal Research & Writing II addresses the following general competencies: writing, reading, oral communication, information resources, and professional competency.

**III. Methods of Instruction**

Lecture  
Class Participation / Discussion  
Research assignments  
Written assignments

**Types of Course Materials:**

Textbooks  
FLCC's Law Library Resources  
Computerized Assisted Legal Research Service: Westlaw

**Methods of Instruction:**

Lectures, instructor modeling of research techniques in FLCC's law library, guest speakers, class discussions and written assignments.

**Assessment Measures:**

Faculty may use a variety of assessment measures including, but not limited to: informal writing, non graded quizzes, and discussions

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Class Participation

Tests

Written Assignments completed and turned in on a timely basis.

Work product may include but is not limited to:

Court Brief

Interoffice Memo

Pleadings

Written assignments from the text

**IV. General Outline of Topics Covered**

- I. Review of Basic Legal Research Procedures
- II. The Internet & Research
- III. Computerized Assisted Legal Research ("CALR")
- IV. Advanced Legal Analysis
- V. Legal Writing
- VI. Specific Court Documents
- III. Court Briefs