

**Date:** February 2006

- I. Course Name:** Tort Law  
**Course Prefix & Number:** PLG 245  
**Credit Hours & Contact Hours:** 3 credit hours - 3 contact hours  
**Catalog Description:**

This course is designed to give the student an introduction to the principles of personal injury law. Topics to be covered include: negligence, assault, battery, and false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, trespass to land, trespass to chattel, conversion, defamation, strict product liability, and professional malpractice. Emphasis will be placed on the role of a paralegal in personal injury litigation with preparation and discussion of pertinent documents and filing issues. Prerequisites: PLG 100 & PLG 125 with a grade of C or better. Offered on a regular, rotating basis.

**II. Course Outcomes and Objectives**

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. The student will obtain a basic understanding of the broad picture personal injury litigation and its role in American society.
2. The student will obtain a basic understanding of intentional torts.
3. The student will obtain a basic understanding of negligence law.
4. The student will obtain a basic understanding of strict liability
5. The student will obtain a basic understanding of product liability actions.

**Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum:**

The course is a "Paralegal Elective" 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:**

The Tort Law course addresses the following general competencies: writing, reading, oral communication, information resources, and professional competency.

**III. Methods of Instruction**

**Types of Course Materials:**

Textbook

**Methods of Instruction:**

Lectures, class discussions, written assignments, and guest speakers

**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  
Assignments  
Tests  
Final Exam

Work product may include but is not limited to:  
Preparation of Personal Injury Complaint

**IV. General Outline of Topics Covered**

- I. Introduction to Tort Law
- II. Negligence
- III. Intentional Torts
- IV. Defamation and other Related Torts
- V. Strict Liability
- VI. Product Liability
- VII. Malpractice
- VIII. Misrepresentation
- IX. Nuisance
- X. Interference with Business Relationships
- XI. Misuse of Legal Process
- XII. Ethical Issues in Tort Law