COURSE INFORMATION FORM

DISCIPLINE  Paralegal
COURSE TITLE  Special Topics in Legal Studies

CR.HR  1-3  LECT HR  1-3  LAB HR  CLIN/INTERN HR  CLOCK HR

CATALOG DESCRIPTION
The open topic format of this course provides students opportunities to study, analyze, and discuss selected topics of law or current issues related to paralegals or the legal profession. Instruction will vary by topic and may include lecture, guided readings, discussions, research, writing, and/or field experiences. Repeatable for different topics. No more than six credits of special topics courses may be applied toward elective and/or paralegal program degree requirements.

PREREQUISITES
PARA 100

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES IN THE COURSE
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the relationship of the selected topic to the delivery of legal services by lawyers, paralegals, and other non-lawyers.
2. Locate, analyze, and evaluate local, state, and federal laws related to the selected topic.
3. Identify and assess potential legal and ethical issues; explain methods to avoid conflicts and conduct violations.
4. Demonstrate understanding of technology used in the topic area.
5. Conduct research of the selected topic using print and electronic legal materials and communicate the results orally or in writing.
6. Explain the importance of professional development for lawyers, paralegals, and other non-lawyers.
CLASS-LEVEL ASSESSMENT MEASURES

Student accomplishment of expected student outcomes will be assessed using the following measures. (Identify which measures are used to assess which outcomes.)

- Participation in discussions (1, 2, 3)
- Focused Assignments/Presentations/Projects (1-6)
- Final Paper/Project (1-6)

PROGRAM-LEVEL OUTCOMES ADDRESSED

- Student outcomes will vary by topic. Program-level outcomes will be specified in the course syllabus.

General Education Outcomes

Specify which general education outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Course/Program Assessment Matrix” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes and assessment measures.

- General education outcomes will depend upon the topic content and will be listed in the course syllabus.

Occupational Program Outcomes

Specify which occupational program outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Course/Program Assessment Matrix” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes to assessment measures.

- Occupational program outcomes will depend upon the topic content and will be listed in the course syllabus.
CATALOG NO.  PARA 199

DISCIPLINE  Paralegal

COURSE TITLE: Selected Topics in Legal Studies

Individual instructors may order this outline as fits the needs of the individual courses. Instructors may place more emphasis on some areas than on others. What is assured is that this particular list is covered in the course. Other topics may be added to a course as the instructor sees fit, and as time and interest allow. An *asterisk can be used to mark an item as optional.

I. Introduction
II. Historical Perspective
III. Relationship to Other Laws
IV. Relevance to Paralegal Practice
V. Legal and Societal Costs and Benefits
VI. Technology*
VII. Ethics and Professional Responsibility
VIII. Best Practice Methods