

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

COURSE PREFIX and NUMBER: LGL 125

CREDITS: 3

COURSE TITLE: Legal Research

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES None

Course Description: Provides an understanding of various components of a law library, and emphasizes research skills through the use of digests, encyclopedias, reporter systems, codes, Shepard's Citations, ALR, and other research tools. May include overview of computer applications and writing projects. Lecture 3 hours per week.

Major topics to be Included:

- a. Preliminary Procedure in Legal Research
- b. Court Reports
- c. Federal Court Decisions
- d. State Court Decisions and the National Reports
- e. Digests for Court Reports
- f. Annotated Law Reports
- g. Shepherd's Citations

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Understand fundamentals of legal research.
- b. Identify legal resources.
- c. Research a legal case or problem.