

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

COURSE PREFIX NUMBER: LGL 215

CREDITS: 3

COURSE TITLE: Torts

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Studies fundamental principles of the law of torts. May include preparation and use of pleadings and other documents involved in the trial of a civil action. Emphasizes personal injury, product liability, and malpractice cases. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To acquaint the students in the litigation specialization with the law of torts, including personal and property torts and defenses.

Major Topics to be included:

- a. Intentional torts and their defenses
- b. Negligence
 - 1. Contributory negligence
 - 2. Assumption of risk
 - 3. Last clear chance
- c. Defamation of character
 - 1. Slander
 - 2. Libel
- d. Products Liability
 - 1. Negligence
 - 2. Breach of Warranty
 - 3. Strict Liability
- e. Medical Malpractice
- f. Legal Malpractice
- g. Miscellaneous tort doctrines and theories
 - 1. Emergency Doctrine
 - 2. Good Samaritan Statute
 - 3. Slip and fall cases
 - 4. Res Ipsa Locquitor
 - 5. Workers' Compensation

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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

- a. Understand tort actions and their defenses.
- b. Understand various pleadings used in certain tort actions.
- c. Understand the defenses to a tort action.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Revised February, 2009