

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: LGL 295

Credits: 3

Course Title: Criminal Procedure

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Provides basic information on the role of the Paralegal in criminal cases, including preparation of the appropriate forms and motions. It will include both statutory law as well as criminal procedure. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

For students to learn the basics of criminal defense practice and laws on criminal procedure. To acquaint the student with court forms and the preparation of motions.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Successful completion of English placement test or evidence of ENG 111 or its equivalent.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

Understand how to ascertain under what statute a client has been charged.
Understand what pretrial issues may be applicable.
Understand motions made in a criminal case.
Understand criminal procedure in Virginia.

Major Topics to be Included

1. The Virginia Court System
2. Jurisdiction in criminal matters
3. Traffic Offenses including Driving Under the Influence
4. Arrest
5. Search and Seizure
6. Bond
7. Offenses including drug offenses, misdemeanors, felonies
8. Defenses including insanity and competency
9. Incidents of trial including jury instructions
10. Presentence Reports, Sentencing, Probation and Parole

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