

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services
LEGL 2133 (TORTS)

Catalog Description:

This course covers tort law and includes the topics of negligence, intentional torts, strict and product liability, personal injury litigation, and insurance. Investigation, legal interviewing, pretrial preparation, document production and settlement of tort cases will be included.

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:

3/3/3

General Objectives:

- Explain the basic substantive law of torts;
- Analyze client fact situations and propose application of the appropriate Tort law;
- Discuss the concepts of burdens of proof and presumptions in law;
- Propose appropriate remedies for a given wrong to persons or their property;
- Explain the defendant's use of affirmative defenses;
- Discuss the ideas of comparative and contributory negligence, as well as joint and several liability;
- Formulate definitive legal positions to give direction to the litigation attorney and to focus the direction of the legal research in a specific tort action.

Core Course Objectives:

- write grammatically correct sentences.
- use specific details and examples to support topic sentences.
- develop unified paragraphs.
- produce a multi-paragraph academic essay with a clear thesis statement.
- demonstrate use of proofreading strategies.

Class Attendance:

Because class participation is a component of the final grade in this class, attendance is absolutely necessary. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor, preferably by email, prior to class if they will be late or absent, except in an absolute emergency. In the event of an emergency, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. Unexcused/unexplained absences, and thus, the lack of in class participation will negatively affect a student's final grade.