

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College Division of Social and
Behavioral Sciences, Education and
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services**

LEGL 1104 (Legal Research)

Catalog Description:

This course teaches students skills in how to conduct efficient and accurate legal research. Emphasis is placed on self-teaching exercises on site and on the computer either at the student's home or on campus. Students will have access to 24 hour Lexis-Nexis database access and learn briefly about other computerized legal resources.

Prerequisites:

None

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours:

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Course Objectives:

Upon the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Describe what legal materials are available at most law libraries.
- Be able to use the proper forms of citation.
- Explain the differences between primary and secondary authority and between mandatory and persuasive authority.
- Be able to research any given topic and analyze the results.
- Be able to evaluate constitutions, case law, statutes, administrative law and legislative history.
- Be able to verify a source.
- Be able to shepardize case law and statutory code.
- Use bouillon logic to conduct effective on-line research.