

**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. Prerequisite: Completion of ENGL 1013, LEGL 1043, and LEGL 1104 or coordinator's consent.

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ENGL 1013, LEGL 1043 & LEGL 1104

**Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours:**

3/3/3

**Course Objectives:**

- This course will focus on tort law, which is the legal system's method for redressing civil wrongs, as opposed to criminal wrongs. We will discuss tort legal theory in general, and the individual elements of several intentional torts, negligence, and strict liability. We will also spend time discussing insurance, workers compensation, and theories of liability.
- Throughout the examination of tort law, we will focus on the role of the paralegal, and how you can anticipate the needs of the supervising attorney. We will also discuss several ethical dilemmas facing paralegals who work in a tort focused firm.

**Specific Learner Behavioral Objectives**

At the completion of this course, students will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of basic substantive law of torts including the elements of the common law torts and legal vocabulary pertinent to tort law.
- 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.
- Discuss the possible affirmative defenses for each action.
- Discuss and understand 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.
- Be familiar with insurance and workers compensation law.