

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

LEGL

Course Number

2323

Course Title

Civil Litigation

Catalog Description

Provides an overview of civil litigation practice and introduces federal and state rules civil procedure. Emphasis is placed upon the functions and duties of the paralegal in the litigation process, with special attention paid to interviewing clients, drafting pleadings, writing motions and discovery documents, and preparing and filing other legal documents. Students will become familiar with the ethics of civil litigation.

Prerequisites

LEGL 1043 & LEGL 1104

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Explain the ethical responsibilities of the lawyer and paralegal in civil litigation.
- Choose a strategy and develop questions for an effective interview.
- Conduct effective interviews of clients, witnesses and other parties.

- List and explain the steps of a civil trial.
- Define and apply the proper vocabulary in civil litigation.
- Choose the proper state or federal jurisdiction.
- Evaluate a legal claim and draft complaints for different types of civil actions.
- Draft pleadings, motions, discovery documents, decrees, orders and a variety of legal documents.
- Apply the rules of evidence and formulate and evaluate different strategies in the trial process.
- Conduct research related to a civil action.
- Identify and respond to appropriate deadlines in the filing of legal documents.
- Describe new technologies in the civil litigation process.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- N/A

Standard Practices

Topics list

- N/A

Learning activities

- N/A

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A

