

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

LEGL 2643 (Contracts)

Catalog Description:

This course is a study of the law of commercial law: including contracts, the debtor-creditor, sales, commercial paper and secured transactions. Students will learn how to identify the essential elements of a particular type of commercial transaction and special focus will be given to the acquisition of practical skills in the documentation and drafting of these transaction

Prerequisites:

Completion of ENGL 1013, LEGL 1043, and LEGL 1104

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours:

3/3/3

Course Objectives:

This course will focus on contract law, which is the both civilization's and the legal system's method for entering into agreements, enforcing those agreements and providing remedies when those agreements are breached. We will discuss the aspects of contract formation, the elements of a valid contract, capacity to contract, breach of contract, and remedies for breach. In addition, we will contrast the Uniform Commercial Code's regulation of contract formation.

Throughout the examination of contract 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 with attorneys who focus on contract issues.

Specific Learner Behavioral Objectives:

At the completion of this course, students will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of basic substantive law of contract including the elements of the common law contract and legal vocabulary pertinent to contract law.
- Analyze client fact situations and propose application of the appropriate contract law.
- Discuss the concepts of burdens of proof and presumptions in law.
- Discuss capacity to contract. Discuss breach of contract and the possible affirmative defenses for each action;
- Discuss and understand the difference between common law contract formation and contract formation governed by the UCC.
- Recognize the importance of careful wording and sentence structure in contract drafting.
- Be familiar with common terms used in contract law.