

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: PLS 246 Civil Litigation II

UNIT VALUE: 2

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 32

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: PLS 245 Civil Litigation I.

COREQUISITE:

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Continuation of Civil Litigation I with an increased emphasis on research and development of in-depth knowledge of selected topics within the field of civil litigation.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES: Successful students will

1. draft and prepare a trial brief;
2. identify negative and affirmative defenses and how they apply to the pleadings at hand;
3. explain and evaluate basic appellate procedures;
4. identify and evaluate post-judgment discovery, settlements and arbitration.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. Trial Preparation
 - a. subpoenas
 - b. notice to produce
 - c. notice to appear
 - d. trial notebook
 - e. trial brief

2. Trial Procedures
 - a. motions during trial
 - b. jury trials
 - c. remedies
 - d. entry and enforcement of judgments
 - e. res judicata/collateral estoppel

3. Post Trial
 - a. motions
 - b. post judgment discovery
 - c. post judgment attachments

4. Appeal
 - a. notice
 - b. record
 - c. brief

5. Arbitration
 - a. voluntary/mandatory
 - b. proceedings

REQUIRED READING:

Mauet, Thomas A. Fundamentals of California Litigation for Paralegals. Aspen Publishing, 2001.

SUGGESTED READING: None.

REQUIRED WRITING:

Students will be required to draft pleadings from each section mentioned supra. The students will have to analyze and implement the knowledge acquired in prior legal classes and present course understanding to develop the required skills to complete the assignments. In addition a trial brief will be prepared. Writing assignments will be six to ten pages in length.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short term classes.

Activities include textbook readings, review of lecture notes, and required writings.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
 laboratory
 lecture-laboratory combination
 directed study

This course may be offered as a distance education course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
 Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
 Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
 One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
 Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

A mid-term and a final test will be given during the semester. Each test will be equated on a basis of 100 points. Additionally, various writing assignments will be worth a total of 200 points. Final grades will be computed as follows:

90% X 400 points = 360+ = A
80% X 400 points = 320+ = B
70% X 400 points = 280+ = C
60% X 400 points = 240+ = D
239- = F

Writing Assignments	50%
Mid-Term	25%
Final Exam	25%

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s) 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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SIGNATURES ON FILE