

**PALOMAR COLLEGE**  
**COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR**  
**DEGREE CREDIT COURSE**

X  Transfer Course     X  A.A. Degree applicable course  
(check all that apply)

**COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:** PLS 248 Business Organizations

**UNIT VALUE:** 2

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS:** 32

**BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:** Appropriate Language Skills

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**PREREQUISITE:** LS 121/PLS 121 Introduction to Law

**COREQUISITE:**

**RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:** PLS 160 Computer Assisted Legal Research

**SCOPE OF COURSE:**

The role of the paralegal in corporate law will be emphasized with all business organizations reviewed; i.e., sole proprietorship, partnerships, and corporations. The primary focus will be on corporate formation and compliance.

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Successful students will:

1. demonstrate knowledge of the various organizations, i.e., sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations.
2. demonstrate knowledge of the various hybrid forms of business organizations, i.e., limited liability partnerships, limited liability corporations, etc.
3. identify the appropriate codes regulating partnerships and corporations.
4. prepare a partnership agreement.
5. draft documents for the incorporation of a business.

**CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

1. The role of the lawyer and paralegal in advising the client in how to choose a business entity.
2. What are the characteristics of a sole proprietorship and the liability, taxes and capital requirements.
3. How partnerships work to include limited liability partnership.
4. Corporations, formation, and organizational structure.
5. The liability, taxation considerations of the LLC, Limited Liability Corporation.

**REQUIRED READING:**

Bartschi. Foundations of Business Organizations for Paralegals, West Legal Studies, 2001.

**SUGGESTED READING:**

Cases as assigned by instructor.

**REQUIRED WRITING:** Case briefs and the preparation of various documents relative to the practice of corporate law.

**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.**

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:**

**Check all that apply:**

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

**DISTANCE LEARNING:**

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

Yes  No

**If yes, check all that apply:**

- 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):

90% x 400 points = 360+ = A

70% x 400 points = 280+ = C

80% x 400 points = 320+ = B

60% x 400 points = 240+ = D

239+ = F

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

Yes \_\_\_\_ No X Number of times course may be taken for credit: \_\_\_\_

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:**