

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 251 Probate Law and Procedure

UNIT VALUE: 2

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 32

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: PLS 121 Introduction to Law

COREQUISITE: None.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None.

SCOPE OF COURSE: An overview of the procedural structure of basic probate court policies and practice. All necessary forms and pleadings will be examined and prepared.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES: Successful students will

1. prepare appropriate pleadings and inheritance tax forms necessary for various agencies;
2. apply non-probate transfers of property after death, such as joint tenancy;
3. identify appropriate codes.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. What is probate?

2. Probate court and the distribution of property.
3. The role of the executor or administrator as a personal representative.
4. How to take title to property.
 - a. Community property.
 - b. Joint tenancy.
5. Avoiding probate.

REQUIRED READING:

Brown, Gordon W. Administration of Wills, Trusts, and Estates. 3rd edition. Thomson Learning, 2002.

SUGGESTED READING: Probate policy memoranda from San Diego County applicable cases.

REQUIRED WRITING: Students will draft required forms to implement probate of wills in addition to drafting various wills, pleadings and tax forms. Required writings include a pleading, six to ten pages in length, and wills, two to six 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.

In addition to the required writing, students will be studying chapter assignments, notes, and preparing for quizzes and tests. Students will visit probate court and a law library becoming familiar with resources for research.

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):

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:

$$\begin{aligned}
 90\% \times 400 &= 360+ = A \\
 80\% \times 400 &= 320+ = B \\
 70\% \times 400 &= 280+ = C \\
 60\% \times 400 &= 240+ = D \\
 &239- = F
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IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes _____ No X 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: