

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 258 Bankruptcy 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: Introduction to bankruptcy emphasizing both debtor relief and debt collection under the United States Bankruptcy Code. The bankruptcy system is analyzed from an historical as well as a contemporary posture reflecting current practices, philosophies, and bankruptcy alternatives.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES: Successful students will

1. demonstrate knowledge of the history and general philosophy of the American Bankruptcy system;
2. research and complete appropriate court required forms in support of litigation, and filing a petition;
3. apply the knowledge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and the role of the paralegal in the bankruptcy system.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. A short history of bankruptcy.

2. Introduction to the bankruptcy code.
3. Filing a petition.
4. Alternatives to bankruptcy.
5. General provisions.
 - a. Chapter 1.
 - b. Chapters 7, 11 12, 13.
6. Automatic stays.
7. Researching bankruptcy issues.
8. The court and jurisdiction.

REQUIRED READING:

Buchbinder, David L. Basic Bankruptcy Law for Paralegals. 4th edition. Aspen Publisher, Gaithersburg: 2001.

SUGGESTED READING:

Oran, Daniel. Oran's Dictionary of the Law. St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 1990.

REQUIRED WRITING:

Preparation of various forms and documents in support of litigation. 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.

In addition to the required writing, students will be studying chapter assignments, notes, and preparing for quizzes and tests. Visit the Law library for legal research. Visit a Bankruptcy court.

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:

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

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: