

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEG 231S LITIGATION I
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Overview of a civil trial with emphasis on the rules of civil procedure and the considerations in the early stages of a lawsuit. The substantive law of torts is taught and presented as the basis from which a case is developed that proceeds through the courts. Students consider jurisdiction and draft the necessary pleadings at the commencement of a lawsuit. Prerequisite: LEG 110S and LEG 130S.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
2, 3	1. Describe the various types of tort law and apply the elements in each particular tort that must be proven for the plaintiff to prevail.	1
2	2. Discuss the defenses/privileges/immunities that are available for the defendant to use to limit or eliminate liability.	1
5	3. Evaluate the considerations that go into the determination of damages and when such may be requested.	1
2	4. Compare and contrast the concepts of jurisdiction and venue.	1
2	5. Describe the stages of the litigation process.	1
3A	6. Accept the ethical and professional responsibilities of the lawyer and the paralegal in civil litigation.	5
5	7. Integrate the substantive tort and procedural law in the litigation context.	4
3	8. Use the Ohio (and with reference to comparable federal) rules of evidence and civil procedure.	1, 2, 4
3	9. Prepare forms, checklists, pleadings, motions, and other materials relevant to the litigation process.	4, 7
2	10. Explain the procedures involved in interviewing, filing court documents, serving papers, and other activities involved in the litigation process.	1

An "A" indicates the Affective Domain.

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles which guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

I. Torts

- a. Intentional Torts
- b. Quasi-Intentional Torts
- c. Negligence

- d. Strict Liability
- e. Products Liability
- f. Defenses
- g. Damages
- II. Litigation
 - a. Overview of a Civil Trial
 - b. Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure
 - c. Parties to the Lawsuit
 - d. Jurisdiction and Venue
 - e. Pleadings
 - f. Service of Process
 - g. Default Judgments
- III. Interviewing Skills