LEGL 2602: Legal Research

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 2
Lecture Hours/Week: 2
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course covers development of knowledge and practical application of legal research procedures. The focus of this course is how to find sources of law, how to cite the law, and how to apply research and citation procedures. It introduces the learner to the law library, the concept of issue development, and the basics of citation and legal writing.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/04/1998 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction to legal principles and authorities and the research process.
2. Examine the role of key terms and key facts in legal research.
3. Practice identifying the issue.
4. Researching various types of law (Constitutions, Statutes, Case Law, etc.).
5. Developing case briefs.
6. Practicing case law analysis.
7. Practicing proper legal citation.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will competently research a legal issue(s) using statutory and rule resources.
2. The learner will competently research a legal issue(s) using case law resources.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted