PARALEGAL STUDIES (2290)

2290:101. Introduction to Paralegal Studies. (3 Credits)
Covers the basics of paralegal studies emphasizing the fundamental concepts of the legal system. Includes overview of paralegal studies career and ethical considerations relative thereto.

2290:104. Basic Legal Research & Writing. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. Will provide the student with basic research abilities necessary in law offices. Includes the use of law library tools (reporter systems, legal encyclopedias, codes, and computer).

2290:105. Law Office Technology. (3 Credits)

2290:106. Business Associations. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. Instructs students in different types of business entities, from sole proprietorships to corporations. Preparation of forms and necessary governmental filings will be stressed.

2290:108. Real Estate Transactions. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. Acquaints students with basic real property law, including different types of deeds, ownerships, easements, and mortgages. Problems arising from sales agreements will be covered.

2290:110. Tort Law. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. Covers the traditional civil wrongs, from the plaintiff's and defendant's standpoints. Actual cases will be briefed and discussed. Stresses importance of preparation prior to trial.

2290:112. Family Law. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. Covers antenuptial agreements, marriage, divorce, dissolutions, annulments, adoptions, juvenile law, artificial insemination, and paternity.

2290:118. Probate Administration. (4 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. Covers law necessary to draft and interpret wills, trusts. Includes administration of a typical estate within Probate Court. Touches on guardianship, commitment of mentally ill.

2290:204. Advanced Legal Research. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101 and 2290:104. Continuation of 104. Will especially stress importance of clear, concise legal writing. Students will write briefs, motions, and complaints as part of their endeavor.

2290:214. Civil Procedure. (3 Credits)

2290:218. Advanced Probate Administration. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 2290:101 and 2290:118. Covers guardianships, marriage licenses, living wills and advanced directives, adoptions, name changes, and the probate and tax issues of intestate and testate estates.

2290:220. Paralegal Internship. (4 Credits)
Prerequisites: 2290:101 and 2290:104. Must have completed first-year courses. Students are provided experience in law-related environment. Students work at placement and meet with the course instructor.

2290:290. Special Topics: Legal Assisting Technology. (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 2290:101 and 2290:104. Selected topics on subject areas of interest in Legal Assisting Technology. (May be repeated for a maximum of six credits.)

2290:297. Independent Study: Legal Assisting. (3-5 Credits)
Prerequisite: 2290:101. (May be repeated for a maximum of six credits.) Selected topics and special areas of study in Legal Assisting Technology.