



Grande Prairie Regional College

School of Business

Department: Administrative Technology

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2006

OA 2320 3 (1-0-2)

Legal Office Procedures II

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Prerequisite(s)/corequisite(s):

OA 2310

Required Text/Resource Materials:

No text required

Description:

This course is a continuation of OA 2310 in regards to legal-related terminology, correspondence, and preparation of non-court and court documentation.

The students will have knowledge of the requirements and the process and procedures involved in small debt claims, or civil claims, including document preparation, trial, and collecting judgment.

The course is designed to utilize a project-based approach to completing legal activities

Credit/Contact Hours:

3 credits /45 contact hours

Delivery Mode(s):

Lecture/Lab

Objectives:

The objective of this course is for students to have an understanding of the workings of a law office in regards to:

1. client files
2. law office billing practices
3. legal correspondence
4. the process of civil litigation

Grading Criteria:

Projects	35%
Quizzes & Tests	10%
Midterm	15%
Professionalism	10%
Final Exam	30%

Grades will be assigned on the Letter Grading System.

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Grading Conversion Chart

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4	85 – 89	
A⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	76 – 79	
B	3	73 – 75	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2	64 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 63	
D⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1	50 – 54	
F	0	0 – 49	FAIL

Course Schedule/Tentative Timeline:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Weekly Assignment</u>
Jan 9	Course Outlines; A Career in Law & Introduction to the legal system	Project 1
Jan 16	Preparation of legal documents	Project 2
Jan 23	Legal office procedures	Project 3
Jan 30	Legal office billing	Project 4
Feb 6	Affidavits & other legal documentation	Project 5
Feb 13	Introduction to civil litigation	Project 6
Feb 20	Family Day	No Class
Feb 27	MIDTERM	MIDTERM
Mar 6	Statement of Claim	Project 7
Mar 13	Service of Documents	Project 8
Mar 20	Working for the defendant	Project 9
Mar 27	Ending litigation; Discovery & judgment	Project 10
Apr 3	Alternatives to court action	Project 11
Apr 10	FINAL EXAM	FINAL EXAM

Examinations:

Quizzes may or may not be announced beforehand.
The final exam will be given the last day of class (Apr. 10).

Statement on Plagiarism:

The instructor reserves the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services.

Course Policy

1. Attendance is required and will be taken at each class. If you are ill, please call your instructor. More than 3 missed classes may result in a recommendation of "Debarred from Exam." (See College Calendar)
2. In-class tests, mid-terms, and final exams must be completed at the scheduled times. Alternate or individualized examination times will not be considered. Failure to complete examinations at the scheduled times will result in a grade of zero (0).
3. If you miss a class, have a classmate call you with your assignments. You are responsible for any work missed.
4. Assignments are due on the dates set by the instructor. Assignments may be handed in early, but only exceptional circumstances may assignments be handed in late.
5. If you miss an in-class or homework assignment, you receive a zero (0) for that assignment. Some of these assignments may be unannounced before the date.
6. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
7. All major assignments must be completed in order to complete a course.
8. Keep your work up-to-date. If you are absent, phone your study partner to find out what work you missed.

Study Partners' Name _____

Study Partner's Phone Number _____