

Legal Research and Writing II

LS - 2040 001

Course Description

Continues and builds on the study of research skills begun in LS 1040. Emphasizes legal writing aspect of research and writing: appropriate formats, styles and analysis. Requires a B- grade or higher to progress in the Paralegal program.

Prereq: LS 1040 w/B- grade or better.

Semester: Fall & Spring

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Use traditional and electronic resources to conduct legal research.
- Draft Legal Documents.
- Understand basic substantive and procedural legal principles.
- Communicate effectively in writing.
- Use contemporary computer hardware and software to effectively complete college-level assignments.
- Gather and analyze information using technology, library resources and other modalities.

Course Prerequisites

LS 1040 - Introduction to Legal Research and Writing I with a B- grade or better.

Engagement Plan

I will respond to email within a reasonable time. The best way to contact me is before or after class or via the Canvas Inbox.

Keys for Success (how to succeed in the course)

Class attendance is the most important key for success.

Required Text or Materials

Title: The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation

ISBN: 978-0-578-66615-0

Authors: Harvard Law Review Association

Publication Date: 2020

Edition: 21st

For more information on textbook accessibility, contact Accessibility & Disability Services at ads@slcc.edu.

Additional Materials

Not required: William H. Putman, Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing, Delmar Learning (2d ed. 2010)

Brief Description of Assignments/Exams

3 Research assignments = 45%

Final research assignment = 20%

In class assignments (2) = 20%

Class attendance and participation = 15%

Assignment Schedule

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	Introduce Yourself	Discussion	0
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	No Title	Discussion	0
9/26/25	In-class: Bluebook Assignment	Assignment	20
10/3/25	First Assignment - Scavenger Hunt	Assignment	50
10/10/25	In-class: Case Brief Assignment	Assignment	25
10/17/25	Second Assignment - Double Jeopardy Part 1	Assignment	50
11/1/25	Third Assignment - Double Jeopardy Part 2	Assignment	50
11/21/25	Fourth Assignment - Alton Logan Matter	Assignment	50
12/17/25	Final Assignment - Jones Position Paper	Assignment	20
12/18/25	Attendance and Participation	Assignment	30

Grading Scale

A = 100 - 94 A- = 93 - 90

B+ = 89 - 87 B = 86 - 84 B- = 83 - 80

C+ = 79 - 77 C = 76 - 74 C- = 73 - 70, etc.

Institutional Policies

As members of our academic community, we would like to invite you to review the Institutional Syllabus which covers important policies and procedures. This document contains important links for students on the code of student rights and responsibilities, academic integrity, and grading policies, Title IX and other important acknowledgements. By familiarizing yourself with this information, you can help us create a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

For more information, navigate to the Institutional Policies tab on the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page.

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Student Academic Calendar

As students you should be aware of all important dates in the semester, such as the day that courses begin and end, as well as the drop date and the last day to withdraw. To learn more about those dates, navigate to the Student Academic Calendar below:

[SLCC Student Academic Calendar](#)