

Ethics

LS - 2080 001

Course Description

This course explores the ethical standards of attorneys and paralegals. Topics include the unauthorized practice of law, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, attorney fees, advertising, and professionalism, among others. The disciplinary process is also discussed. Student must have completed LS 1040 before taking LS 2080. Requires a "C" grade or higher to progress in the Paralegal program.

Prerequisite: LS 1040

Semester: Fall & Spring

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Relate basic substantive and procedural legal ethical rules and principles to hypotheticals.
- Convey understanding of ethical rules and principles by drafting a variety of papers.
- Extract relevant data from complex information, process it appropriately, and draw reasonable conclusions within the applicable rules of ethics.
- Illustrate competence in ethical and moral reasoning within the legal environment and the broader legal community.
- Analyze potential ethical issues in legal scenarios and apply appropriate rules of professional responsibility.

College Wide Student Learning Outcomes

- Acquire substantive knowledge in the discipline of their choice sufficient for further study, and/or demonstrate competencies required by employers to be hired and succeed in the workplace.
- Communicate effectively.
- Develop quantitative literacies necessary for their chosen field of study.
- Think critically.
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Engagement Plan

I do text but please identify yourself and which class you are in at the beginning of your text.

You should expect a reply to your email within 48 hours and grading within 7 days.

The best way to contact me is via the Canvas Inbox, as I will prioritize this email over other modes of communication.

Required Text or Materials

Title: Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Paralegals, Ninth Edition

Authors: Therese A. Cannon & Sybil Taylor Aytch

Publisher: Aspen Publishers

Publication Date: 2-01-2024

Edition: 9th

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

Brief Description of Assignments/Exams

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Assignment Schedule

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
	Additional disclosure for independant paralegals	Discussion	0
	Attorney Advertising Assignment	Discussion	0
	Case Analysis Module 4	Assignment	12
	Extra Credit	Discussion	0
	Introduce Yourself	Discussion	0
	Solicitation in the ER	Discussion	10
9/11/22	Homework Module 2	Assignment	14
10/9/22	Maintaining Confidentiality of Emails	Discussion	5

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
9/7/25	Case Analysis Module 1	Assignment	28
9/7/25	Fear Article	Assignment	62
9/7/25	Module 1 Quiz	Quiz	20
9/7/25	Review Questions Module 1	Assignment	10
9/14/25	Case Analysis Module 2	Assignment	10
9/14/25	Module 2 Quiz	Quiz	10
9/14/25	Review Questions Module 2	Assignment	10
9/21/25	Case Analysis Module 3	Assignment	24
9/21/25	Disclosure of Status Video Discussion	Discussion	10
9/21/25	Module 3 Quiz	Quiz	20
9/21/25	Review Questions Module 3	Assignment	10
9/21/25	When Friends Ask For Legal Advice Video Discussion	Discussion	10
9/24/25	Exam Number One Modules 1-3	Quiz	30
10/5/25	Confidentiality Issue: Attorney Client Privilege	Discussion	10

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
10/5/25	Confidentiality Issue: Family Exception?	Discussion	10
10/5/25	Confidentiality Paper	Assignment	45
10/5/25	Module 4 Quiz w/short answer questions	Quiz	20
10/5/25	Review Questions Module 4	Assignment	10
10/12/25	Case Analysis Module 5	Assignment	16
10/12/25	Module 5 Quiz	Quiz	20
10/12/25	Review Questions Module 5	Assignment	10
10/12/25	Senior Citizen Consults a New Lawyer: Conflict of Interest	Discussion	5
10/19/25	Attorney advertising	Assignment	30
10/19/25	Case Analysis Module 6	Assignment	10
10/19/25	Lionel Hutz: Solicitation	Discussion	5
10/19/25	Module 6 Quiz w/short answer questions	Quiz	20
10/19/25	Review Questions Module 6	Assignment	10

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
10/22/25	Exam Number Two Modules 4-6	Quiz	30
11/2/25	Case Analysis Module 7	Assignment	10
11/2/25	Module 7 Quiz w/short answer questions	Quiz	20
11/2/25	Paralegal Timekeeping	Discussion	10
11/2/25	Review Questions Module 7	Assignment	10
11/9/25	Case Analysis Module 8	Assignment	23
11/9/25	Module 8 Quiz	Quiz	20
11/9/25	Review Questions Module 8	Assignment	10
11/16/25	Candor to the Court	Discussion	10
11/16/25	Case Analysis Module 9	Assignment	14
11/16/25	Module 9 Quiz	Quiz	16
11/16/25	Review Questions Module 9	Assignment	10
11/23/25	Case Analysis Module 10	Assignment	20
11/23/25	Module 10 Quiz	Quiz	15
11/23/25	Review Questions Module 10	Assignment	10

Due Date	Assignment Name	Assignment Type	Points
11/30/25	Test #3	Quiz	30
12/13/25	Extra Credit Course Evaluation	Assignment	0
12/13/25	Unethical Behavior Article - EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENT	Assignment	60

Grading Scale

A	Excellent	93-100%
A-	Excellent	90-92%
B+	Good	86-89%
B	Good	83-85%
B-	Good	80-82%
C+	Average	76-79%
C	Average	73-75%
C-	Average	70-72%
D+	Below Average	66-69%
D	Below Average	63-65%
D-	Below Average	60-62%
E	Failing	0-59%

How to Navigate to Canvas

Online Tutoring

Students at SLCC have access to online tutoring through Canvas. From your Canvas course click Online Tutoring in the course navigation and follow the steps to set up an

appointment. If this is your first time using the Online Tutoring we recommend you click "Take a Tour" to familiarize yourself with the service.

Note that students only receive 480 minutes of tutoring time each semester. After that we encourage you to use the resources found through this link:

<https://www.slcc.edu/tutoring/index.aspx>

If you have any additional questions reach out to elarningsupport@slcc.edu.

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.

Learning Support and Tutoring Services

We are pleased to offer a range of tutoring and learning support services to help you achieve your academic goals. Whether you need assistance with a specific subject or want to improve your study skills, you have many options for tutoring or other support.

To learn more about the services we offer and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Tutoring and Learning Support tab. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to help you succeed in your studies. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tutoring session, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Advising and Counseling Support Services

At our institution, we are committed to supporting your academic and personal growth. That's why we offer a range of advising and counseling services to help you navigate the

challenges of college life. To learn more about the resources available to you and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Advising and Counseling Support Services tab. Our advising team and the support centers across campus are here to support you in achieving your goals and overcoming any obstacles you may face.

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](#)