JEFFERSON COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

BIT 121

LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

3 Credit Hours

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BIT 121 LEGAL TERMINOLOGY

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

A. Prerequisite: none

B. 3 semester credit hours

C. Legal Terminology will teach the student the meaning of legal and Latin terms. It will also cover instruction on the legal system and the legislative process, criminal law, civil law, administrative law, constitutional law, torts, contracts and sales, property, labor and employment law, domestic relations, decedent estates, cyberspace law, and environmental protection. (F,S)

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT MEASURE

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<th>Students will be able to define legal and Latin terms.</th>
<th>Students will take in-class exams.</th>
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<td>Students will demonstrate knowledge of the legal system and the legislative process.</td>
<td>Students will make a PowerPoint presentation about the legal system and the legislative process for their class manual.</td>
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<td>Students will demonstrate knowledge of criminal and civil law.</td>
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III. COURSE OUTLINE WITH UNIT OBJECTIVES

A. The Legal System and the Legislative Process
   1. The U. S. Legal System
   2. State and Federal Court Systems
   3. Officers of the Court

B. Criminal Law
   1. General principles
   2. Crimes against the person
   3. Crimes against the property
   4. Drug offenses
   5. Criminal activity
   6. General constitutional principles
   7. Search and seizure
   8. Arrest
   9. Due Process of Law
   10. Criminal Pre-trial procedures
   11. Trial
   12. Sentencing
   13. Appeals

C. Civil Law
   1. Pretrial
   2. Discovery
   3. Remedies
   4. Pretrial procedures
   5. Trial proceedings
   6. Appellate process
   7. Alternative dispute resolution

D. Administrative Law
   1. General principles
   2. The promulgation process
   3. Enforcement process
   4. Appeals
   5. Departments of the U.S.
   6. Specific agencies

E. Constitutional Law
   1. Overview of Constitutional law
   2. Constitutional powers
   3. Power of Federal law over State law
   4. Commerce clause
   5. First Amendment rights
6. Due Process
7. Right to privacy

F. Torts
   1. General principles
   2. Intentional torts
   3. Negligence
   4. Defenses to Tort Claims
   5. Damages in tort law

G. Contracts and Sales
   1. The common law of contracts
   2. Formation of a contract under common law
   3. Types of contracts
   4. Contract clauses, breach of contract and defenses
   5. Remedies for breach of contract

H. Property
   1. General principles
   2. Transfer of property
   3. Estates in property
   4. Bailments
   5. Leases

I. Labor and Employment Law
   1. Development of labor law
   2. Labor unions
   3. Union shops
   4. Formation of a union
   5. Collective bargaining and strikes
   6. Fair labor standards act
   7. Family and medical leave
   8. Worker’s compensation
   9. OSHA
   10. Polygraph examination
   11. COBRA

J. Domestic Relations
   1. Domestic relations prior to marriage
   2. Marriage
   3. Adoption and surrogate parenthood
   4. Separation and divorce
   5. Child custody and support
   6. Tort actions related to marriage
   7. Second marriage
K. Decedent estates
   1. Writing of wills
   2. Types of wills
   3. Heirs and the Inheritance of Property
   4. Probate of the Will
   5. Trusts

L. Cyberspace Law
   1. Jurisdiction over web site operators
   2. Copyright issues
   3. Cybercrime
   4. Internet domains
   5. Federal legislation concerning cyberlaw

M. Environmental Protection
   1. Air pollution
   2. Water pollution
   3. Land pollution

IV. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION
   A. Lecture
   B. Discussion
   C. Projects-writing assignments

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S) WITH PUBLICATION INFORMATION

VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS (STUDENT)
   Three-ring binder, flash drive, pen, pencil, and paper

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES
   Work will be done through Internet sites.

VIII. METHOD OF EVALUATION (BASIS FOR DETERMINING GRADE)
   Tests and quizzes 50%
   Written assignments 50%
IX.  ADA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library – phone 636-797-3000, ext. 169)

X.  ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College website).