Widener University Law Center
Legal Education Institute
Course Descriptions

All courses are 3 credits except as indicated

LEI 248 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
A survey course of basic areas and practical considerations of administrative law. Administrative law defines the legal powers of government agencies and the limits of these powers. Topics covered in the course schedule include: structure of administrative agencies, agency discretion, rules and regulations, investigations, informal and formal proceedings, and judicial review. Each class the student will be provided with exercise and examples of the practical aspects of the paralegals role in administrative law. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 230 ADVANCED PARALEGAL SEMINAR: **CRIMES OF THE CENTURY**
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
An overview and analysis of the justice system using literature, film, drama and other media. Focus will be on current issues regarding the legal system, e.g., the existence of gender bias, the court of public opinion, the legal system as a force for social change, and how morality relates to law. Class is writing-intensive. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I and Legal Research II and Intro to Criminal Justice)

LEI 135 ADVANCED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FOR PARALEGALS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate of Completion with Concentration in Real Estate (Required)
Students will learn how to prepare and/or complete all documents necessary for a residential and commercial real estate closing. Each document will be explained in detail, and students will learn how to obtain all necessary information to complete each documents. Students will learn about HUD-1 settlement sheets, mortgages, promissory notes, deeds, affidavits of title, title insurance, surveys, legal descriptions, agreements of sale, etc. Students will also be involved in a mock real estate settlement. Each student will prepare a real estate closing binder in connection with a real estate transaction, including the preparation and/or completion of all of the above listed documents. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Real Estate, and Legal Research I)

LEI 234 ALCOHOL, VEHICLE, AND THE LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
A comprehensive overview of established jurisprudence involving alcohol use and the operation of motor vehicles and the prosecution and defense of related matters. Discussion of applicable case and statutory law, the arrest process, pre-trial and trial activities, motion practice and alternative sentencing. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 227 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Students will gain practical insight in the theory that there are alternative means of deciding and going forward with a case. In depth discussion will include mediation, arbitration, private counseling and negotiation. Emphasis will be placed on time considerations, efficiency in handling a case, expertise in alternative resolution, and cost factors. This is a non-legal specialty course.(Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Civil Practice)

LEI 208 BANKRUPTCY
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
***Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Corporate Law* (Required)**
Comprehensive study of bankruptcy law and practice with an emphasis on consumer filings. The course consists of reviewing different types of consumer and commercial bankruptcies; relevant federal legislation governing bankruptcy; bankruptcy code; and resource materials necessary to bankruptcy practice. The course also places emphasis on procedural rules and responsibilities of all parties involved. **This is a legal specialty course.** (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 254 BIOETHICS AND THE LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Advances in medical technology have forced society to make increasingly complex decisions regarding life and death. Students will be introduced to topics such as constitutional issues, health law technology, surrogacy, privacy issues, AIDS, wrongful birth/wrongful life, physician/patient relationship, cloning, human genome project, and constitutional issues. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant)

LEI 206 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
General Paralegal Certificate and Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Corporate Law (Required)
Comprehensive survey of the law of business associations from sole entrepreneur through partnership and corporate formation. Discussion of merger, acquisition, director's liability and other corporate law topics. Emphasis is also placed on shareholder agreements, classes of shares, rights of first refusal, methods of financing, and voting trusts. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I) **This is a writing enriched course**.

LEI 278 CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR PARALEGALS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
In this course, students will concentrate their studies on career development for new legal professionals. Students will develop new resumes and cover letters and revise existing writing samples in preparation for entering the job market. With individual guidance from the instructor, students will produce a primary resume and alternative resume(s) based upon their unique education and professional experience using the latest techniques in resume development. Students will have the opportunity to participate in mock interviews, develop and use an “elevator pitch,” and will utilize a variety of social media tools to manage their developing careers. Students will study the hiring process for employment with solo practitioners, medium and large law firms, as well as state and federal government agencies. This course will also include a focus on the role of a mentor, membership in professional organizations and networking. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law, Ethics, Legal Research I and Legal Research II)

LEI 205 CIVIL PRACTICE
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
General Paralegal Certificate & Paralegal Certificates with Concentration in Corporate Law, Estate Administration, Health Law and Litigation (Required)
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate (Required)
An examination of civil practice and procedure beginning with the filing of a complaint and extending through discovery, pre-trial motions, trial, post-trial motions, and appeal. Emphasis is also placed on course of action, time limitations, case investigations, purposes of motions, depositions, settlements and dismissals. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant) **This is a writing enriched course**.

LEI 238 COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
General Paralegal Certificate (Required)
Certificates with Concentration in Litigation (Alternate)
This course has been designed to provide the student with in-depth exposure to technology techniques used in the litigation process. The class will be divided into litigation teams and will manage the litigation, its discovery and its trial presentation with the aid of exemplar computer programs used in the industry. Students will have hands-on training in software programs and their application in the litigation process. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 202 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Survey of constitutional law providing students with an overview of the following areas: Judicial, legislative and executive powers, property rights, due process, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to privacy and discrimination. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 273 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course provides an overview of women's rights by exploring the landmark Supreme Court cases and changes in laws that have defined the legal rights of women in the United States. Students will study women's efforts for constitutional equality; women's employment rights; reproductive freedom; same sex marriage issues; and women and crime. The class is taught from a constitutional law perspective, broadening the student's understanding of the foundations of women's constitutional rights. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 106 CONTRACT LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
Paralegal Certificates with Concentration in Corporate Law (Required), Health Law, (Required), Real Estate Law (Required) and Intellectual Property (Alternative)
A survey of basic contract law provides students with the history and development of contract law in the United States. This course will examine the necessary elements of a contract, enforcement of contracts, remedies for breach of contract, drafting of documents and analysis of case situations that the paralegal may encounter in practice. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 257 CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course will provide an overview of techniques and methods of crime scene investigation focusing on practical suggestions as well as theoretical viewpoints of the field. Topics include fundamentals of preliminary investigation, identification, protection and collection of evidence, applicable law, blood stain evidence, fingerprinting techniques, and court presentation. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I, Intro to Criminal Justice)

LEI 271 CRIMINALISTICS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course examines criminal procedure and the admissibility of testimonial and physical evidence utilized in criminal trials and hearings. The exclusionary rule and the distinction between real and testimonial evidence as admitted or excluded from court proceedings are examined emphasized through the use of case law. Through the discussion of court decisions, students can visualize the use of legal principles by law enforcement and correctional officers and others involved in the justice system. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Criminal Justice)

LEI 264 CRIMINAL MITIGATION AND ETHICS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate with Concentration in Forensic Nursing (Alternate)
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the psychological and neuropsychological issues found in forensic evaluations. This course will explore the foundational areas such as legal, ethical and applied aspects of the mitigation evaluation. Students will examine criminal and civil cases to develop an understanding of the various behavioral science matters that could impact the outcome of a criminal proceeding, by lowering the amount of moral blame, and thus lowering the criminal penalty or civil damages for the action. Examples include familial violence, malingering and deception, competency to stand trial, and mitigatory defense. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Forensic Science)

LEI 245 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with concentration in Criminal Law (Required)
An advanced course in criminal law and procedure, where students will learn about the areas of bail arraignment, alternate resolutions, pretrial motions, trial skills and sentencing. Students will be provided a clinic like experience with ample opportunity to have practical skills in all topical areas. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, and Introduction to Criminal Justice)

LEI 250 CYBER LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
The course will provide students in the fields of computer fraud investigations and digital forensics with an understanding of the fundamental legal principles governing the collection and use of evidence. The course will also cover federal computer crime statutes and rules of evidence as they relate to computer fraud investigations and digital forensics. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I)

LEI 276 E-DISCOVERY
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course provides a framework for discussion of the issues surrounding the discovery of electronically stored information (ESI). The course will address the identification and preservation of electronic materials, as well as technical aspects of reviewing and producing those relevant documents. Areas of interest will include information management, collection, processing, technology, production and presentation. Metadata, privilege, spoliation and authentication will also be a focus. Use of these documents for trial presentation will be a highlight. This is a non-legal specialty course.
(Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 242 ELDER LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course provides a comprehensive view of law and procedure for the aging population. Upon completion of the course students will have an understanding of the different areas of the law that impact the elderly and their advocates. Among the topics covered are the role of the paralegal in the elder law office, drafting of advance directives and powers of attorney, interviewing techniques for the elderly client, patient rights in healthcare decision making, Medicare and Medicaid considerations, managed care and long-term care insurance, financial planning and social security. Drafting and completing forms unique to elder law will also be addressed, such as: conservatorship for a family member, predesignation of guardian form and a notice of appeal of social security. **This is a legal specialty class**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 115 EMPLOYMENT LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
An examination into the area of the legal issues common to an employer in today's legal environment of business, students will review the applicability and legal issues surrounding personnel manuals and policies, as well as employment contracts. The course will also focus on the compliance with state, federal and administrative statutes and regulations that impact the daily life of employer and employee in the workplace. Legal issues that will also be studied include the Americans with Disabilities Act, Medical Leave Acts, Title VII, Discrimination, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and whistle-blower statutes.
This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 108 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course introduces the student to the study of environmental law, with emphasis on the role of the paralegal in this field. The course surveys major environmental acts in the United States. The course presents an overview of the treatment of issues and legislation concerning the environment from a legal perspective. This is a non-legal specialty course.
(Prerequisites: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 120 ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Estate Administration (Required)
This course serves as a guide through each stage of estate administration including the probate process, inventory and appraisement of assets, preparation of inheritance and federal estate tax returns and distribution issues. Introduction to estate administration software, case management, tickler systems and ethical considerations in assisting estate administration clients will be among the practical aspects of the course. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, and Wills and Trusts)

LEI 212 ETHICS AND PARALEGALISM
Bachelor & Associate (Required) General Paralegal Certificate & Certificates with concentration in Corporate Law, Criminal Law, Estate Administration, Intellectual Property, Litigation and Real Estate (Required)
An introduction to paralegal studies and the fundamentals of paralegalism with a comprehensive survey of professional responsibility issues for legal assistants, including the study of the American Bar Association's Model Code and Model Rules of Professional Responsibility and various professional paralegal associations' codes of ethics. Students will also explore licensing and regulating issues. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law) **This is a writing enriched course**.
Students must attain a minimum grade of C for this class.

LEI 226 EVIDENCE
Bachelor (Required)
Paralegal Certificates with Concentration in Criminal Law & Litigation (Required)
This course is designed to provide the student with a working understanding of the federal and state Rules of Evidence. Students will gain an understanding of the function of rules of evidence, objections to be anticipated, and the preparation of a civil case for trial without the exclusion of evidence based on application of those rules. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I & II, and Civil Practice or Introduction to Criminal Justice)

LEI 207 FAMILY LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Survey of the legal structure of the family with emphasis on the law of marriage, divorce, child custody and support. Emphasis will be placed on marriage issues such as, formation of marriage, prenuptial agreements, termination of marriage, and tax consequences. The course also will contain child issues such as legal status of children, child custody, child support, and adoption. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I) **This is a writing enriched course**.

LEI 127 FILE MANAGEMENT & E-FILING FOR THE PARALEGAL
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Students will be given various case files, including correspondence, pleadings, discovery (i.e., interrogatories, requests for production, deposition notices, etc.), deposition transcripts, attorney notes, research, and other typical documents which may be found in a real-life case file***.*** Class discussion will deal with how to (i) properly organize a case file, (ii) digest depositions, (iii) prepare pleading and discovery binders, and (iv) preparation of tickler and calendar system. Each student will turn in a completely organized case file at the end of the semester. This class is intended to give students practical experience in file management. This class has no exams, but multiple projects. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I and Civil Practice)

LEI 267 FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY AND ETHICS
Bachelor & Associate Elective
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate with Concentration in Forensic Nursing (Alternate)
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the psychological and neuropsychological issues found in criminal forensic evaluations. This course will explore the foundational areas such as legal, ethical and applied aspects of the forensic psychological evaluation. Students will develop an understanding of the various behavioral science matters that could impact the outcome of a criminal proceeding. Examples include familial violence, malingering and deception, competency to stand trial, and mitigatory defense. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Forensic Science)

LEI 222 HEALTH CARE LAW & ETHICS
Legal Nurse Consultant (Required)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Health Law (Required)
Course involves the legal aspects involved in todays health-care field as it relates to the health-care providers, the administrative staff, the patient and the health insurance companies. Current legislation and regulatory issues will be explored along with legal aspects of medical ethics. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant or Introduction to Law, and Legal Research I) **This is a writing enriched course**.

LEI 240 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Corporate Law (Alternate)
This course is an overview of the classes of intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and trade secrets, with emphasis on the paralegal's role in securing intellectual property rights, ownership issues and licensing of intellectual property. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 277 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Intellectual Property (Required)
This course provides an in depth look at intellectual property transactions including non-disclosure (secrecy) agreements, employee agreements, technology transfer, mergers and acquisitions and the due diligence required thereof, licensing and technology, internet and social media. This course will also examine the role of the paralegal in technology and corporate transactions such as outsourcing, strategic alliances, licensing, e-commerce, finance and restructurings. The content of this course is a foundation for those who intend to specialize in intellectual property. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I, Trademarks & Copyrights, and Patents & Trade Secrets).

LEI 216 INTERVIEWING & INVESTIGATION
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
An in-depth study of principles, methods and investigative techniques utilized to locate, gather, document and disseminate information. The emphasis will be on developing interviewing and investigating skills intended to prepare paralegals to communicate effectively. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 121 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
Paralegal Certificate with concentration in Criminal Law (Required)
An overview and analysis of the American system of criminal justice. The crime problem, and police, the judicial system and correctional agencies will be examined. Special emphasis will be placed on both the legal and behavioral realities of each stage of the criminal justice process. Intake forms in the criminal system from arraignment to prosecution and all applicable forms and research skill sets. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 246 INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate with concentration in Forensic Science (Required)
This course Is intended as a general introduction to the basics of forensic science. This introductory level course will cover areas of interest to those working in legal nurse consulting, the paralegal profession and law enforcement. General areas to be covered include: reviewing and understanding the autopsy report including bodily changes after death, specifics associated with strangulation, gunshot wounds, toxicology reports, medical records associated with sexual assault cases as well as terminology associated with these reports. Students will develop skills to analyze and scrutinize reports generated from the use of forensic DNA testing including reviewing the collection and testing techniques. The use of references and the internet will be covered. Actual case examples will be utilized when applicable. Coursework assumes NO prior forensic experience. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant and Legal Research I)

LEI 101 INTRODUCTION TO LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
General Paralegal Certificate and all Paralegal Certificate Concentrations (Required)
An introduction to the legal system and an explanation of the legislative and judicial process, how a legal rule is generated and maintained by the judicial system. Emphasis will be placed on jurisdiction, the development of the law through the court systems, torts, criminal law and procedure, business law, property law, family law and contracts. At the conclusion of this course students will have a working knowledge of legal terminology and have acquired an understanding of our legal system. Specifically, students will have gained an understanding of the following at the end of the semester: The role of the paralegal in the legal system; classification of the law including federal vs. state and civil law vs. criminal; civil litigation and the role of the paralegal including introduction to pleadings and trial preparation; identification of basic torts and their defenses; basic contract elements; types of real and personal property; legal consequences of marriage and divorce; and elements of crimes and defenses to crimes. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: None)
Students must attain a minimum grade of C for this class.

LEI 231 INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate (Required)
Exploration of the role of the Legal Nurse Consultant in the legal field. Areas of practice and professional responsibilities of the Legal Nurse Consultant will be examined. Basic introduction into legal terminology will be introduced. This course will also allow a student to gain a basic understanding of the history of LNC, opportunities and professional associations and credentialing; understanding of various LNC practice forums; Federal/State courts and the judicial system; the trial process including discovery, expert witnesses, medical examinations, exhibit preparation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); medical record review and trends in electronic medical records (EMRs); healthcare liability issues; and understanding the LNCs roles in popular settings. **This is a legal specialty course**.
(Prerequisite: None)

LEI 203 INTRODUCTION TO REAL ESTATE
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Real Estate (Required)
A comprehensive survey of the modern real estate property transaction, covering the review and/or drafting of basic documents involved in transfer of land such as deeds, mortgages, sales agreements, title insurance, and a review of federal and state regulation of land transfer and development. Emphasis is placed on ownership rights, survey and land descriptions, encumbrances, easements and licenses, financing, title examinations, real estate closings and leases. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: None)

LEI 126 JUVENILE JUSTICE
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course will examine the legal structure of the family with emphasis on juvenile law as it applies to minors. Emphasis will be placed on the rights of minors and the family court system. This course will also focus on theories of delinquency, intervention programs, the legal rights of juveniles, intake and preadjudicatory process, sanctions, probation and juvenile corrections. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 211 LAW OFFICE MANAGEMENT
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
A review of the common management techniques used in law offices, including case management, document control, time accounting, trust accounting and other elements of the well-managed law practice. Emphasis is also placed on employment policies, hiring policies, discrimination in the workplace, revenue and expenses, professional development and law office disasters. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 233 LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING MENTORSHIP
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate (Required)
Students will be introduced to environments where Legal Nurse Consulting is practiced. These include, but are not limited to: law firms, insurance companies, state agencies, independent practice setting, and/or risk management areas. Students will be paired with Legal Nurse Consultants on a rotating basis in order to gain first-hand practical knowledge of the role of the Legal Nurse Consultant. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant, Legal Research I & II, Torts, Civil Practice, Principles & Practices of LNC & Health Care Law & Ethics)

LEI 110 LEGAL DOCUMENT DRAFTING
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course consists of hands-on practical experience through drafting of documents applicable to various legal environments. Students will use mock scenarios where they represent clients and draft documents to fit their clients' needs in the role of a paralegal. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I and Civil Practice)

LEI 102 LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING I
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
General Paralegal Certificate and all Paralegal Certificate Concentrations (Required)
This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of legal research. To begin, a general overview of the federal and state court systems will be provided. Next, students will learn to use and locate most primary legal authorities including cases, constitutions, and federal and state statutes. Attention will also be given to case analysis and the techniques of legal writing: citation form, cite checking, and the legal office memoranda. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant) **This is a writing enriched course**. **Students must attain a minimum grade of C for this class.**

LEI 104 LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING II
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
General Paralegal Certificate and all Paralegal Certificate Concentrations (Required)
This course is designed to continue teaching the fundamentals of legal research. Students will learn to use and locate primary sources not covered in Legal Research I, namely, administrative law and legislative history, and most secondary legal authorities including Digests, Annotated Law Reports, periodicals, and encyclopedias. Further attention will be given to case analysis and the techniques of legal writing which will culminate in a self-directed research project and office memoranda. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant and Legal Research I) **This is a writing enriched course**. **Students must attain a minimum grade of C for this class.**

LEI 220 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Health Law (Required)
This course will consist of the following topics: Establishing the Professional Relationship, Negligence--Based Claims, Informed Decision Making, Causation and Damages, Affirmative Defenses, Limitations and Immunities, Vicarious Liability and Multiple Defendants, Hospital Liability, Contract, Warranty and Strict Liability, and Reform action of the Litigation System. Our society has grown increasingly litigious while at the same time advances in medical technology and health care have increased the complexity of health care. As a result, a sizeable practice of both plaintiff and defense medical negligence has been created. Moreover, in response to both real and perceived crises in health care, much legislation has addressed this highly specialized area of personal injury litigation. Students will be introduced to topics such as the historical development of this area of law and litigation, risk management and prevention issues, insurance issues, discovery issues, causation and investigation, pretrial issues specific to medical malpractice claims, and trial of these claims. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I, Civil Practice)

LEI 275 PATENTS AND TRADE SECRETS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Intellectual Property (Required)
This course is designed with a focus on the law of patents and trade secrets and will examine the role of the paralegal in securing patent rights and trade secrets. Students will gain insight into the foundation of patent law process including, patent application processes for utility, design and plants, ownership rights, transferring patent rights, remedy for/defenses involved in litigation upon infringement, and new developments/current events in patent law. Students will be able to define and describe the factors which establish a trade secret as well as be able to understand how they are protected, in addition to the possible legal remedies for misappropriation of a trade secret. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 209 PRACTICUM
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Intellectual Property (Alternate)
Internship and externship experiences for paralegal studies students. Practicum opportunities are available on campus with one of the law school's clinical programs. Off-campus experiences include working in law firms, corporations, law enforcement or public agencies and the court systems. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I & II and Civil Practice)

LEI 232 PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate (Required)
A comprehensive application of major functions of a legal nurse consultant. Students will analyze cases from both plaintiff and defense prospective, and examine the Legal Nurse Consultant's role in civil practice, further analysis of medical records, the trial process and development of life care plans. The Trial Preparation, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Settlement, Arbitration and Mediation, Interacting with Defense Clients, Locating and Working with Expert Witnesses, Communication with Plaintiff Clients will also be introduced. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant, Legal Research I and Civil Practice)

LEI 128 PRIVACY LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
"Privacy Law" offers a comprehensive, in depth treatment of all important issues involving privacy issues. Coverage of government surveillance topics, such as Fourth Amendment, sensory enhancement technologies, wiretapping, computer searches, ISP records, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and the USA-Patriot Act; a thorough examination of new issues such as privacy and access to public records, government access to personal information, airline passenger screening and profiling, data mining, identity theft, consumer privacy, and financial privacy; coverage of emerging information technologies such as computer databases, RFID (radio frequency identification technology), cookies, spyware, data mining, and others; and an introductory chapter with a thought-provoking philosophical discussion of information privacy, This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 269 PRODUCT LIABILITY
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
An overview of personal injury and product liability litigation with emphasis on an analytical approach through thorough fact investigation and case preparation. The class will cover a history of product liability law, case management, new case evaluation, determination of correct parties, and discovery. The importance of expert witnesses, specific types of medical and consumer products, design defects, and standards and regulations is discussed. Students will learn how to locate and evaluate expert witnesses, evaluate forms, pleadings and discovery. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I and Civil Practice)

LEI 253 REAL ESTATE TITLE SEARCH & EXAMINATION
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Real Estate (Required)
Students will learn the fundamentals of a land title search utilizing both classroom sessions and practical applications in 2 separate courthouses. This is an advanced class that will emphasize traditional and computerized search techniques along with classroom sessions to enhance their understanding of the material they are searching and the legal implications of that information. The title examination process will also be reviewed as an extension of the search process. Students will be uniquely educated through this course and positioned for placement and advancement in the real estate industry. Introduction to Real Estate is a pre-requisite and Advanced Real Estate is recommended either prior to or in conjunction with this class. Students will receive a certificate from PA Land Title Institute upon successful completion of this course. **This is a legal specialty course** (Prerequisite: Introduction to Real Estate)

LEI 237 SEX CRIMES
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course is designed to give an overview of sex crimes, to include sexual abuse of children, date rape, rape by a stranger, consensual sex crimes, and other related issues such as the date-rape drug and special sanctions for offenders with transmittable diseases. The purpose of this course is to heighten awareness of the specific problems in handling these issues in the criminal justice system and will analyze potential hazards in defending/prosecuting cases. Assignments will include sharing of related current events with the class, discussing assigned readings and reviewing actual court documents relating to sex crimes. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Introduction to Criminal Justice and Legal Research I)

LEI 225 SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
An examination of Social Security Disability Law beginning with the initial claimant interview, case evaluation, initial determination of the State Disability Determination Service and Reconsideration levels. Concentration will be on the Administrative Law Judge hearing, representation of claimants at the hearing level and preparation for the hearing with a focus on medical impairments, work activity and listings. Emphasis is also placed on the appeals process from initial determination, post-hearing appeals council and district court. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 280 SPECIAL TOPICS IN AGING AND THE LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective); Elder Law Concentration (Required)
The purpose of this course is to expand upon the fundamentals introduced in Elder Law. Specific focus will be placed on living facilities for the elderly, including independent, assisted living and skilled nursing homes; elder abuse issues, including legislation and the role of the elder care team; elder care resources; how technology has affected the aging population; and marriage among the elderly. This course will also discuss the role of the paralegal in elder law interviewing and investigation and ethical considerations involving the elder client, care-givers, medical providers and family members. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law, Legal Research and Writing I, & Elder Law)

LEI 279 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINAL LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Students will survey a selection of special topics in criminal law, which can include victimology, measurement of crime, criminal evidence, criminology and the court system. The course instruction will draw upon an exploration of landmark criminal law cases, including current cases when applicable. Students will complete tasks from the perspective of a professional paralegal, and will learn the role and responsibilities of a paralegal within the realm of criminal law. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Criminal Justice)

LEI 261 SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Entertainment Law addresses the ethical and legal principles for paralegals involved in an entertainment law practice. In addition to looking at general topics, it provides details for specific genres such as television, recording, music, and sports. Entertainment Law covers the legal structures of the Entertainment Industry, Television, and Film. Live Stage Performances, Recording and Music Publishing, and Sports Law will also be discussed throughout this course. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I)

LEI 210 TAXATION FOR PARALEGALS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Real Estate (Required)
Analysis of income taxation, what constitutes income, exemptions, exclusions, and deductions, and related issues. Examination of common federal taxation forms and schedules. Emphasis is on tax accounting, income, exclusions, and deductions for individuals. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law & Legal Research I)

LEI 260 TERRORISM & HOMELAND SECURITY
Bachelor and Associate (Elective)
This course is an introduction to the structure, legal issues and study of domestic terrorism. Organization and financing of terrorist networks, media influences and terrorist tactics will be reviewed.
Both domestic terrorism and the development of international terrorism will be discussed. This course will provide an overview of the Patriot Act, civil liberties, and law enforcement bureaucracy. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 213 TORTS AND PERSONAL INJURY LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentrations in Health Law & Litigation (Required)
Legal Nurse Consultant Certificate (Required)
Complete overview of tort and personal injury law. Emphasis will be placed on intentional torts, tort defenses, negligence, strict liability and products liability. Tort immunities and specific tort actions of nuisance and wrongful death will also be covered. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consultant, Civil Practice and Legal Research I)

LEI 274 TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Intellectual Property (Required)
This course is designed for paralegal students in order to gain understanding of the basic principles of Trademarks and Copyrights. Practical skill building includes: how to perform preliminary searches for trademarks, the trademark registration process, maintaining a trademark registration, and supporting trademark inter parties and trademark usage and compliance. The second half of the course focuses on copyrights, which are used primarily to protect original artistic, literary, and musical works etc. Basic copyright concepts are introduced which include the types of protectable works. Students will understand how to obtain a copyright registration, establishing rights for coauthors, as well as what is and is not protectable under copyright law. This section also examines copyright infringement, legal remedies for same, and the common defenses to an infringement allegation. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 204 TRIAL PROCESS
Bachelor & Associate (Required)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Criminal Law (Required)
Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Litigation (Alternate)
This class is a study of the trial process, examining pre-trial preparation and documentation, making a trial notebook, and preparing complex litigation for trial. Post-trial motion practice and appellate practice are also discussed. Emphasis will be placed on jury selection, opening statements, evidence, direct and cross examination, and closing arguments. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisites: Introduction to Law, Legal Research I & II and Civil Practice or Introduction to Criminal Justice and Evidence)

LEI 217 VIOLENCE AND THE LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
Examination of how the law treats violent incidents, with particular emphasis on spousal and child abuse. Students will review the Protection from Abuse laws of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Students will also examine juvenile violence and school violence. A research paper is required for this course. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law or Introduction to Legal Nurse Consulting, Introduction to Criminal Justice and Legal Research I)

LEI 255 WHITE COLLAR CRIME
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This course will provide students with an understanding of the complexity of white-collar crime. Students will review, analyze and discuss actual case studies. Students will also examine the legal and ethical aspects encompassed by the term “white-collar crime” and the extent and cost of white collar crime. Further students will identify and evaluate the legal elements that encompass both individual and corporate crimes, and develop an appreciation of the difficulties of enforcement and prosecution of white-collar criminality. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)

LEI 201 WILLS & TRUSTS
Bachelor (Required)
Associate (Elective)
General Paralegal Certificate & Paralegal Certificate with Concentration in Estate Administration (Required)
Study of the law of testamentary disposition, of the common instruments used in testamentary dispositions, the formalities for validity, construction and interpretation of wills, trusts and other post-death transfer devices. Emphasis will be placed on the probate process, estate administration and federal and state tax concerns. **This is a legal specialty course**. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law and Legal Research I)
This is a writing enriched course.

LEI 228 WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW
Bachelor & Associate (Elective)
This is a comprehensive course which combines theoretical and practical approaches. The course studies the development and application of workers' compensation statues. Among the topics that will be covered are: statutory elements of a claim for an accident to be work-related and compensable; defenses, burdens of proof, and procedure; distinctions among occupational injury, disease, and stress claims; different types of compensation available; effect of workers' compensation on civil actions and related claims for damages and disability. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Intro to Law and Legal Research I)

LEI 268 WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS
Bachelor and Associate (Elective)
This course will examine the principal problems that lead to the conviction of the innocent and the leading proposals for reform. Students will read and examine actual cases of the exonerated to further explore the causes and consequences of wrongful conviction. Faulty eyewitness identification, questionable testimony, police and prosecutorial misconduct, ineffective assistance of counsel, false confessions, reliability in the use of DNA evidence, and the improper use of science in the courtroom are examined. Students will review the court documents which should be turned over in the criminal discovery process. Documents utilized in the actual review of cases for exoneration will be examined. This is a non-legal specialty course. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Law)