

PALE 285 : Courts and the Judicial Process

Examines legal aspects of investigative and arrest as well as rules governing the admissibility of evidence in court. It focuses primarily on police and disciplinary due process, applying the law, and civil liability concerns. Topics include search and seizure, arrest and interrogation, revocation and probation and parole, probable cause, and other timely issues.

Credits 3

CIP Code

22.0302

Prerequisites

(LIBR 150 may be taken concurrently).

Prerequisite Courses

PALE 260

LIBR 150

Course Outcomes

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Have gained an understanding of the functions of the American court system and how it processes cases by examining the history, the various court systems, and current issues facing the judicial system. .
- Identify the various roles of courts within the judicial system in the United States.
- Recognize the legal families that form the foundation for the American Judicial System; identify the origins of each.
- Differentiate between private and public law.
- Identify the branches of public law and list specific characteristics of each.
- Compare and contrast substantive and procedural law.
- Identify Common misperceptions about the court process as discussed in class.