LEX 287
CLA REVIEW SEMINAR

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: LEX 110, LEX 120, LEX 130, LEX 140, LEX 160, 250
Corequisites: LEX 180

This course is designed to prepare students for voluntary certification sponsored by the National Association of Legal Assistants to demonstrate significant competence in paralegalism. Topics include communications, ethics, human relations, interviewing techniques, judgment and analytical analysis, legal research, legal terminology, general law and nine tested specialty areas of law. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate that they are prepared to take the NALA’s Certified Legal Assistant Exam. Course Hours Per Week: Class, 2. Semester Hours Credit, 2.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

a. Demonstrate applicable rules of substantive law in the areas of torts, criminal law and criminal procedure, and bankruptcy.

b. Demonstrate an understanding of the rules of civil procedure and the rules of evidence.

c. Communicate both orally and in writing critical thinking skills that expresses logical reasoning and legal support for one’s conclusions.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

I. Substantive Law
   A. Criminal Law
      1) crimes against the person
      2) crimes against property
      3) defenses
      4) criminal procedure and the exclusionary rule

   B. Torts
      1) Intentional torts
      2) Negligence
      3) Trespass
      4) Strict liability
      5) Defenses
C. Family Law
   A. Formation of legal marriage
   B. Dissolution of marriage
   C. Division of property
   D. Custody issues

D. Probate Law
   A. Validity of wills
   B. Rules of intestate succession
   C. Powers of administrators and executors

II. Procedural Law
   A. Jurisdiction issues
   B. Statute of limitations
   C. Rules of evidence

III. Case Analysis and legal writing
   A. Review of Citations
   B. Practice of case analysis
   C. IRAC

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

To be determined

STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 919-536-7207, ext. 1413 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1209.