

**WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
COURSE SYLLABUS**

FACULTY MEMBER:

TERM:

COURSE TITLE: Virtual Experience in Legal Studies

COURSE NUMBER: LES 491

OFFICE HOURS/METHOD OF CONTACT:

PREREQUISITES: LES220 (C or better), LES200 (C or better), LES225 (C or better), LES226 (C or better), LES228(C or better), LES480 (C or better) OR LES 380 (C or better) AND Junior or Senior status

Technical Requirements that may be required to utilize technology in this course:

- A headset or microphone.
- A webcam.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides students with a series of simulated, experiential learning environments which give students an interactive law office environment suitable for the development and refinement of competencies needed for the real-world legal workplace. The simulation modules are supplemented with exercises and instruction geared toward preparing students for the transition from the academic environment to the workplace.

II. IDEA Objectives

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| 1. Developing skill in expressing one orally or in writing | Important |
| 2. Learning how to find and use resources for answering questions or solving problems | Important |
| 3. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course. | Essential |

III. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A: Demonstrate an understanding of the various types of documents necessary for the representation of clients in a legal matter and the ability to create those documents in conformity with proper legal formatting and standard English grammar and writing conventions.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

VII. STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Wilmington University actively supports the rights of students with disabilities to have equal access to education. Such students need to self-identify by contacting the Office of Student Affairs and furnish documentation verifying the need for special services and/or accommodations. For additional information, please call (302) 356-6940 or go to [Students with Special Needs website](#).

VIII. COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: Introduction to the Professional Portfolio

Reading: Articles, Blogs, Textbook (Chapters 1, 3, & 5)

Assignments:

Honor Code	5 points	DUE	Before class
1. Resume	30 points	DUE	1 st Sunday after the start of class
2. Market Assessment	25 points	DUE	1 st Sunday after the start of class
3. Discussion Board	10 points	DUE	See DB Expectations and Due Dates

Week 2: Law Simulation Series: The Paralegal Law Practice Experience

Reading: Law Simulation Series Assets as r esie at 007 TN4TjQ0d(4 (007 TN4Tj4 Bdi)-3 .29 0 Td()Tj0.004

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| 3. Supplemental Discovery | 100 points | DUE 4 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 4. Notice of Deposition | 25 points | DUE 4 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 5. Summary of Deposition | 150 points | DUE 4 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 6. Reliability & Validity Quiz | 10 points | DUE 4 th Sunday after the start of class |

Week 5: The Law Firm Environment and Office Politics

Reading: Articles, Textbook (Chapters 7 & 8)

Assignments:

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| 1. Case Studies | 25 points | DUE 5 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 2. Reflection Paper | 50 points | DUE 5 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 3. Outcomes Assessment – Ethics | 100 points | Required for course completion |
| 4. Law Office Memo Peer Review | 25 points | DUE 5 th Sunday after the start of class |

Week 6: Law Simulation Series: The Paralegal Law Practice Experience

Reading: Law Simulation Series Assets as required

Assignments:

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| 1. Clemens Medical Summary | 75 points | DUE 6 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 2. Letter Declining Rep | 50 points | DUE 6 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 3. Ipana Settlement Letter | 150 points | DUE 6 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 4. Outcomes Assessment – Tech Survey | 0 points | Required for course completion |
| 5. Time Sheet Extra Credit | 10 points | Optional |

Week 7: Strategies for Success in the Workplace

Readings: Articles, Videos, Blogs, Textbook (Chapters 9 & 10)

Assignments:

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| 1. Smart Goal Worksheet | 25 points | DUE 7 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 2. Discussion Board | 10 points | See DB Expectations and Due Dates |
| 3. Consider Other Networking Opp | 25 points | DUE 7 th Sunday after the start of class |
| 4. Legal Studies Graduate Survey | 0 points | Required for course completion |
| 5. Law Office Memo – FINAL | 200 points | DUE 7 th Sunday after the start of class |