

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PARA 425: Advanced Legal Research and Writing

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

This course requires all three of these prerequisites

PARA 325 - Interviewing

PARA 375 - Legal Ethics

PARA 251 - Legal Research and Writing

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Integration and application of methods and techniques of legal research and writing, building on and supplementing skills acquired in PARA 251. Preparation of complex multiple-issue legal memoranda and briefs.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 07/04/1997 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Course introduction
2. Correspondence and internal memos
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4. Legal analysis
5. Research strategy
6. Questions presented and conclusions
7. Synthesizing cases and authorities
8. Outlining and organizing a memo
9. Elements of a brief
10. Propositions/Point headings
11. Briefs to an appellate court

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To supplement and build on the skills acquired in Legal Research and Writing (PARA 251).
2. To learn to write complex legal memoranda and briefs.
3. To effectively use electronic legal research, including WestLaw and Internet sources.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted