

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PARA 310: Civil Procedure I

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite  
PARA 251 - Legal Research and Writing

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The substantive and procedural law of civil litigation, with emphasis on the Rules of Civil Procedure, in both state and federal court systems.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 03/31/2003 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction and overview
2. Jurisdiction and venue
3. Pleadings
4. Commencement of a civil lawsuit
5. Defendant's responses
6. Amendment of pleadings
7. Joinder of claims and parties
8. Parties to an action
9. Discovery
10. Disposition without trial
11. The trial
12. Post-verdict procedures
13. Res judicata and collateral estoppel

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To learn the rules of procedure in civil litigation.
2. To study the history and development of our civil law system.
3. To apply the theories in the rules to hypothetical cases.
4. To prepare the students for Civil Procedure II and Personal Injury

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

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted