

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: LGL 200 **Credits:** 3

Course Title: Ethics for the Paralegal

Course Description:

Examines general principles of ethical conduct applicable to paralegals. Includes the application of rules of ethics to the practicing paralegal. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Serves as a course requirement for the Paralegal Studies AAS degree. Familiarizes students with ethical rules and guidelines as it applies to the legal profession.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify ethical rules and guidelines that apply to paralegals and attorneys.
- Identify what constitutes the unauthorized practice of law and how to avoid it.
- Identify conflicts of interest issues and how to disclose conflicts of interest.
- Identify unethical conduct in various situations akin to the legal profession
- Evidence appropriate strategies for responding to unethical conduct in the workplace.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- Regulation of Lawyers and Paralegals
- The Unauthorized Practice of Law
- Confidentiality and Conflict Checks
- Advertising and Solicitation
- Fees and Client Funds
- Competency
- Professionalism and Special Issues

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