

LGLA 1351.271
Contract Law Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course presents fundamental concepts of contract law emphasizing the role of the paralegal in the legal system as it pertains to contracts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students successfully completing this course will understand the role of the paralegal in the creation and enforcement of contracts, be familiar with the elements necessary to create a binding contract, understand the laws, rules and principles governing contract cases, and be able to prepare documents commonly used in contractual cases.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: A textbook is required for this course.

GRADING: One examination will be given at the end (or near the end) of the semester and will count 25% of the final grade. Weekly class assignments (number determined by professor) will count 75% of the final grade. No make-up examinations will be given. Grade equivalents: 90 to 100% = A; 80 to 89% = B; 70 to 79% = C; 60 to 69% = D; Below 60% = F.

ASSIGNMENTS: **Assignments will only be accepted through Blackboard.** Late assignments will not be accepted. Students must maintain academic integrity in all assignments – “copying and pasting” from other sources (e.g. the Internet, other students, etc.) is plagiarism and will be grounds for dismissal from the course. Where it is apparent students have submitted substantially identical answers, those students will not receive credit for those answers.

COMPUTERS: Laptop computers may be used during class for class-related purposes only and provided computer speakers are muted. Wireless internet access is provided at SPC for education-related purposes only. Paralegal Studies students also have access to computers available in LC109. All student work must be saved on a removable storage device, e.g. a flash drive, and not on an SPC computer.

Student-Owned Computer Equipment: Students may choose to use their own computer equipment to complete the assigned coursework. SPC provides Microsoft Office to students for installation and use on their personal computers. It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure his / her computer system meets the minimum requirements for all required or suggested software. It is also the sole responsibility of the student to insure his / her computer system is in working order, free of malware, and sufficient to complete assigned coursework. The instructor is not responsible for the student’s computer maintenance and cannot troubleshoot or repair

issues on student-owned computers. If the student needs computer assistance, he/she can contact the SPC student helpdesk.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS: In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

For Intellectual Exchange, Disabilities, Non-Discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please refer to [Syllabus Statements \(southplainscollege.edu\)](http://southplainscollege.edu).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The following is the tentative schedule for this course. Changes will be made as needed as we progress throughout the semester. Tests and assignments will be scheduled as we progress through the material. Make sure you frequently check Blackboard, announcements, and emails for the due dates of tests and assignments.

Week	Topic to be discussed:
1	Introduction to the course; Syllabus
2	Overview of contracts
3	Overview of contracts, continued
4	Offer
5	Termination of offers
6	Acceptance
7	Consideration
8	Subject matter; capacity
9	Contractual intent
10	Spring Break
11	Common contract provisions
12	Remedies
13	Remedies, continued
14	U.C.C.
15	Third party contracts
16	Review; test