

**Course Descriptions Fall 2016**  
**Department of Politics and Government**

**Legal Studies**

**LGS 201 (Sec. 1 & 2): Introduction to Law for Paralegals (Puckett)**

This course introduces students to basic legal concepts, legal terminology, and the role paralegals play in the American legal system. Students will study a variety of areas of criminal and civil law. Prerequisite: Completion of 45 hours. This course counts towards the Political Science Major and Minor.

**LGS 203 (Sec. 1): LEGAL RESEARCH I (Puckett)**

A writing-intensive, paralegal specialty course that introduces students to the basic techniques of legal research. Prerequisite: POL 201 or consent of Legal Studies advisor.

**LGS 314 (Sec. 1): Investigative Techniques & Evidence (Bernardi)**

Techniques for the gathering and preparation of evidence for use in legal disputes. Formerly *INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES*. Not for credit POL major or minor. Prerequisites: POL 201 and 216.

**LGS 370 (Sec. 1): Litigation I (McClure)**

An advanced paralegal specialty course that covers both civil and criminal litigation from the filing of a legal action through the defendant's responses. Not for credit POL major or minor. Prerequisites: POL 201 and 203.

**LGS 372 (Sec. 1): Employment Law (Lindstrom)**

A paralegal specialty course covering retirement plans, collective bargaining agreements, workmen's compensation, anti-discrimination laws, and OSHA regulations. Not for credit POL major or minor. Prerequisite: POL 201 or consent of the instructor.

**LGS 398.20 Professional Practice: Paralegal Internship (1-16 hours) (McClure)**

Internship provides work experience involving paralegal skills. Maximum 6 hours POL major; maximum 3 hours POL minor. Prerequisites: POL 201. Complete department internship application procedure.