

**LGLA 2341.151 - Evidence**  
**Course Syllabus**

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CLASS TIME: 24 hours per day  
CLASSROOM: INET (Blackboard)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course includes instruction in gathering evidence, fashioning evidentiary arguments, and preparing evidence for trial. Focus is placed on the practical applications of the rules of evidence.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course reviews the background, scope and applicability of the Texas Rules of Evidence, and explores the sources of evidence and the laws relating to its admissibility. The student will prepare legal documents regarding evidentiary matters commonly used in pre-trial discovery and at trial. Students successfully completing this course will understand the process of collecting evidence and preparing evidence for trial, be familiar with the rules governing evidence in Texas, and be familiar with the federal counter-parts to the Texas Rules of Evidence.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Evidence for Paralegals, 5th Edition* by Marlowe, Joelyn; Wolters Kluwer Publishing.

GRADING: One examination (final exam) will be given during 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: Late class assignments will not be accepted without prior approval (before the due date). **Assignments will only be accepted through Blackboard.** Assignments will not be accepted by e-mail, fax, or carrier pigeon unless otherwise stated. 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 that students have submitted substantially identical answers, those students will not receive credit for those answers. Students are expected to regularly and timely complete assignments. Students failing to timely submit 3 or more assignments may be dropped from the course without notice.

COMPUTERS: Paralegal Studies students have access to computers in the computer lab located in LC109. Lab computers are for course-related work only. All student work must be saved on a removable storage device, e.g. a flash drive.

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.

ADA STATEMENT: Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at the Lubbock Center, the Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

### SCANS

Competencies: C1, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, C14 C15, C18, C19;

Foundation Skills: F1, F2, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17.

Explanations of the codes are posted in the classroom.