



## **WOL-101: Introduction to Law**

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### **Description:**

This course creates an awareness and appreciation for the effect that law has on virtually every facet of modern life and society. WOL-101 begins with a detailed look at the organization of the U.S. system of government. Students examine each of the primary substantive areas of law with realistic learning activities, relevant ethical considerations and easy-to-understand judicial opinions that reinforce topics. From fundamental concepts to emerging legal topics, WOL-101 Introduction to Law, presents the terminology, principles, and cases that are impacting society, and many professions today.

**Textbook:** Introduction to Law, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed. - Beth Walston-Dunham, J.D. – ISBN: 9781305948679

### **Course objectives:**

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Explain the role of political theories in the current system of American government.
- Describe the function of each branch of government under the Constitution.
- Understand the structure of the U.S. Judicial System.
- Describe the skills that a qualified paralegal is expected to have.
- Discuss the various members of the legal team and their duties.
- Understand how Law and Ethics are Interrelated.

### **Contents:**

Ch 1: History of the American Legal System	Ch 9: Torts
Ch 2: The Courts	Ch 10: Family Law
Ch 3: Legislation	Ch 11: Estates and Probate
Ch 4: Executive Branch and Admin Authority	Ch 12: Property Law
Ch 5: Substantive and Procedural Issues	Ch 13: The Law of Contracts
Ch 6: Jurisdiction	Ch 14: The Law of Business
Ch 7: The Legal Professional	Ch 15: Criminal Law
Ch 8: The Law of Ethics	Ch 16: Criminal Procedure

### **Grading Scale**

**A = 90-100%**  
**B = 80-89%**  
**C = 70-79%**  
**D = 60-69%**  
**F = under 59%**

### **Grade Weighting**

**Chapter Quizzes..... 70%**  
**Final Exam ..... 30%**  
**100%**