

- I. **Catalog Description:** This course provides an overview of major principles and functions of the state and federal legal system, introduces various legal fields for professional opportunities, presents legal vocabulary, gives an overview of different areas of law, and presents ethics. (Three hours lecture. Three hours credit)
- II. **Course Objectives:** The following goals have been established for this course:
The student will:
1. Differentiate between federal and state court systems, including understanding the different levels of the United States Court System and the Mississippi Court System
 2. Explore areas of employment for paralegals both inside and outside the tradition law firm environment
 3. Interpret legal terminology and relate terms to substantive areas of law
 4. Distinguish among various areas of law, including the difference between state and federal law; civil and criminal law; and understand different types of law (bankruptcy, wills/estates/probate, administrative)
 5. Analyze the ethical obligations and constraints of the paralegal
- III. **Resources:** Introduction to Law, 6th edition; by Beth Walston-Dunham
- IV. **Laboratory Topics:** Not applicable to this course offering.
- V. **Classroom Policies & Procedures:** To be determined by individual instructors in keeping with the Holmes CC *Policy and Procedures Guide* and the current Holmes bulletin.
- VI. **ADA Policy:** Holmes Community College students with documented disabilities that qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may apply for services with the Office of Disability Support Services or the CTE Student Services Coordinator to determine eligibility for educational accommodations. Disabilities covered by the ADA may include, but are not limited to, learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities and/or chronic health disorder(s). Students must request accommodations each semester they are in attendance. For names and/or further assistance, contact a counselor, discuss this with your instructor, or go to http://www.holmescc.edu/FutureStudents/student_services_health.aspx.
- VII. **Communication:** The official mode of communication at Holmes Community College is via email through MyHolmes, the student portal. Students are responsible for checking their Holmes email and MyHolmes as well as Canvas or any other means utilized by the instructor for announcements, assignments, etc.