



# Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

**LAW 205**  
**Legal Research & Writing I**

## Course Information

Division	Business Division
Contact Hours	45 Contact Hours
Theory	45 Contact Hours
Lab Hours	0 Contact Hours
Off-Campus Clinical Hours	0 Contact Hours
Total Credits	3 Credit Hours

## Prerequisites:

RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests

## Course Description:

This course is designed to provide an in-depth examination of law library resources, including electronic resources. After learning how to use law library resources, students will learn and apply legal research and analysis methods.

**This course is a required core course for students pursuing an AAS in Paralegal.**

## Program Outcomes

- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Demonstrate computer competency including technology commonly used in law offices.
- Explain the concepts of and engage in legal research, including computer-based legal research.
- Explain and apply the standards of conduct, including ethics, expected of the legal professionals.
- Articulate the structure of the legal system and the paralegal's duties and responsibilities for the delivery of legal services within that system.
- Demonstrate knowledge of substantive and procedural law including applying that knowledge to factual scenarios.
- Prepare legal documents using proper legal reasoning and analysis of issues, facts, and law.

## Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

- Students will be able identify and distinguish primary and secondary authority used for basic legal research.  
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- Students will be able to identify and apply methods of legal research.  
*Applies To Program Outcome: C*
- Students will be able to construct proper citations for statutes, case law, and other basic legal resources using the format mandated by the Michigan Appellate Opinion Manual and the Bluebook.  
*Applies To Program Outcome: C*
- Students will be able to use standard legal resources to research a legal issue or situation by identifying and using the most current law that applies.  
*Applies To Program Outcome: C*
- Students will be able to identify and apply the legal analysis process.  
*Applies To Program Outcome: C*

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