

Instructor Information	
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Office Hours	- Monday: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Tuesday: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Wednesday: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Thursday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Friday: By appointment only
Additional Contact Information	None

Course Information															
Description	Fundamental concepts of tort and personal injury law including intentional torts, negligence, and strict liability with emphasis on the paralegal's role.														
Required Textbooks	<i>Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending Lamar State College Port Arthur is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.</i> Personal Injury and the Law of Torts for Paralegals, Sixth Edition ISBN 9781543858624 Publisher- Aspen Publishing														
Additional Materials/Resources	None														
Corequisites/Prerequisites	LGLA-1307 Introduction to Law and the Legal Professions														
Learning Outcomes	- Use terminology relating to tort and personal injury law; - Analyze sources relating to tort and personal injury law; - Draft documents used in tort and personal injury law; - And analyze the ethical considerations of the paralegal's role in tort and personal injury law.														
Program Student Learning Outcomes	- Understand legal terms and the paralegal’s role in the legal environment. - Apply correct drafting procedures to transactional and court documents. - Demonstrate appropriate ethics and professionalism in the legal environment. - Exhibit the ability to use computer skills.														
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Chapter 15: Discovery and Review of Medical Records;
Chapter 16: The Tort Litigation Process Before Trial
Chapter 17: The Tort Litigation Process During Trial
Review & Study for Final Exam.

Major Assignments Schedule

Week 1	Chapter 1, Introduction to Torts and Negligence
Week 2	Chapter 2, First Element of Negligence: Duty; Chapter 3: Second Element of Negligence: Breach of Duty
Week 3 *Assignment 1	Chapter 4: The Third Element of Negligence: Causation of Injury;
Week 4	Chapter 5: The Fourth Element of Negligence: Damages
Week 5 *Exam 1	Chapter 7: The Defenses to Negligence
Week 6	Chapter 9: Intentional Torts to Persons
Week 7 *Assignment 2	Chapter 10: Intentional Torts to Property
Week 8 *Exam 2	Chapter 11: The Defenses to Intentional Torts and Immunities, Defenses Section
Week 9	Chapter 12: Strict Liability and Products Liability
Week 10	Chapter 13: Nuisance;
Week 11 *Assignment 3	Chapter 14: Workers' Compensation
Week 12 *Exam 3	Chapter 8: Medical Malpractice;
Week 13	Chapter 15: Discovery and Review of Medical Records;
Week 14	Chapter 16: The Tort Litigation Process Before Trial
Week 15 *Assignment 4	Chapter 17: The Tort Litigation Process During Trial
Week 16 *Final Exam	Review & Study for Final Exam.

Final Exam Date

May 12, 2025 - 8:0 AM Through May 14, 2025 - 11:59 PM

Grading Scale

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

Determination of Final Grade

Discussions- 20%
Exams - 30%
Assignments - 20%
Video Journals 10%
Final Exam - 20%

Course Policies

Instructor Policies

1. Read Assigned Chapter(s) for the week.
2. Study Key Terms.
3. Work any assignments for that week in Blackboard Ultra.

Exams & Assignments : All exams will open on the designated week. If student fails to complete the exam before the closing date, student will receive a zero unless student has an excused absent. (example: Covid, sick, doctor's appointment, etc.) Student is to make arrangements to make up the test. Exams will consist of multiple choice and true or false questions.

Books:

Every student must have a copy of the required textbook or E-book as soon as the bookstore has it available or 2nd week.

Failure to follow instructions (written or oral) will result in penalties.

Instructor will put grades into Blackboard. Students should keep a record of their own grades and average. Instructors will not average grades for students.

I will not discuss your grades over the phone. If you want to discuss your grades, you must come to my office, in person or email me.

Make-up or Late Assignments and exams

Will be at the discretion of the instructor. Dishonest/Cheating:

1. Any student caught cheating or lending their work to another student, both students will receive a zero on the assignment. There is a difference between helping or showing someone how to do the work and someone giving their assignment to a student to copy.
2. Any student caught cheating on a test or final, will receive a "F" for the course.

It is student's responsibility to check their email and blackboard ultra for any updates to class schedules or class work.

Blackboard Issues: Any log in, passwords, or software problems needs to be resolved by the IT department. Please inform your instructor of any delays resulting for IT problems that can't be solved by class work deadlines.

Pearson Issues: If you have issues with Pearson, student is to call Pearson Tech support. Please inform your instructor of any delays resulting with Pearson issues.

Attendance Policy

The instructor will present information on a variety of topics which may include the current week's readings, discussion boards, or assignments, as well as answer questions about the course content.

The Weekly Webinar will be held through blackboard collaborate. It is recommended that students attend the webinars to benefit from the opportunity to interact with the professor and peers, increasing the chances of success in the course. However, webinar attendance is not mandatory. If you do not attend live, you will need to access the recorded webinars (posted each week in the Announcements section) in order to make your weekly journal entries regarding the key points in each.

Additional Information

TimelyCare FREE 24/7 Virtual Care For Students

Lamar State College
Port Arthur students
have FREE, 24/7
access to virtual care
services with
TimelyCare — the
virtual health and well-
being platform from
TimelyCare, designed
for college students.
Students do not need
insurance to access
TimelyCare services.
Download the app here.
As part of Lamar State
College Port Arthur's
partnership with
TimelyCare, students
have access to services
in TimelyCare,
including:



- TalkNow: 24/7, on-demand emotional support to talk about anything, including anxiety, relationships, depression, and school-related stressors.
- Scheduled Counseling: Choose the day, time, and mental health provider that best works for you. (9 visits per year)
- Health Coaching: Develop healthy lifestyle behaviors, including nutrition, sleep habits, time management, and mindfulness.
- Psychiatry: Appointments are available through referrals.
- Self-Care Content: Visit the "Explore" page within TimelyCare for guided self-care content, including yoga and meditation sessions, as well as group conversations with our providers on a variety of health and well-being topics.
- Basic Needs Support: Access to low or reduced-cost community resources, including food and housing assistance, transit support, childcare, and finances.

Students have access to TimelyCare services 365 days a year. That means you have access during breaks, after-hours, and any time you need support! Visit timelycare.com/LSCPA to get started.

Institutional Policies

MyLSCPA	Be sure to check your campus email and Course Homepage using MyLSCPA campus web portal. You can also access your grades, transcripts, academic advisors, degree progress, and other services through MyLSCPA .
Academic Honesty	Academic honesty is expected from all students, and dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Please consult the LSCPA policies (Academic Dishonesty section in the Student Handbook) for consequences of academic dishonesty.
ADA Considerations	The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Coordinator , Room 117, in the Student Success Center. The phone number is (409) 984-6241.
COVID 19 Information	The Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) Student Code of Conduct COVID 19 Policy requires students who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 to report their condition directly to their local health department. Students should also contact their course faculty to report their quarantine status. In addition, this policy requires all students to wear face coverings when directly exposed to COVID 19 in compliance with the criteria included in the policy. For more information please refer to the COVID 19 link on the LSCPA website.
Facility Policies	No food or tobacco products are allowed in the classroom. Only students enrolled in the course are allowed in the classroom, except by special instructor permission. Use of electronic devices is prohibited.
HB 2504	This syllabus is part of LSCPA's efforts to comply with Texas House Bill 2504.
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect	As per Texas law and LSCPA policy, all LSCPA employees, including faculty, are required to report allegations or disclosures of child abuse or neglect to the designated authorities, which may include a local or state law enforcement agency or the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. For more information about mandatory reporting requirements, see LSCPA's Policy and Procedure Manual .
Title IX and Sexual Misconduct	LSCPA is committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct. All LSCPA employees, including faculty, have the responsibility to report disclosures of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault (including rape and acquaintance rape), domestic violence, dating violence, relationship violence, or stalking, to LSCPA's Title IX Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate the college's response to sexual misconduct. For more information about Title IX protections, faculty reporting responsibilities, options for confidential reporting, and the resources available for support visit LSCPA's Title IX website .
Clery Act Crime Reporting	For more information about the Clery Act and crime reporting, see the Annual Security & Fire Safety Report and the Campus Security website .
Grievance / Complaint / Concern	If you have a grievance, complaint, or concern about this course that has not been resolved through discussion with the Instructor, please consult the Department Chair.
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