BOT 85.5A Course Outline as of Fall 2010

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: BOT 85.5A Title: DISCOVERY LEVEL 1

Full Title: Legal Procedure: Discovery Level 1

Last Reviewed: 9/16/1998

Units		Course Hours per Week	•	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	8	Lecture Scheduled	16.00
Minimum	1.00	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	2.00		Contact Total	16.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 32.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 48.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

Description: This course is intended for Legal Secretary Certificate Program students and individuals interested in learning about discovery. Discovery is the most important component of a lawsuit. Discovery is seeking facts, evidence, documents from the other side. Topics include: Discovery methods using interrogatories, production of documents, subpoenas, depositions; preparation of discovery documents and repsonses; time frames and calendaring requirements. (Grade or P/NP)

Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit:

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

- 1. Discuss the purpose of discovery.
- 2. Discuss the Discovery Act in the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 3. Explain the various discovery documents.
- 4. Explain the legal requirements of each discovery document according to law.
- 5. Describe the time frames for service of the documents and response to the documents.
- 6. Discuss legal calendaring.
- 7. Format discovery documents according to standard legal format procedures.
- 8. Format responses to discovery documents.
- 9. Discuss organization of discovery documents.

Topics and Scope:

- 1. Discovery Act in Code of Civil Procedure
- 2. Discovery purpose
- 3. Discovery methods: subpoena, Subpoena Duces Tecum, Deposition Subpoena
- 4. Calendaring considerations
- 5. Responses to discovery demands
- 6. Organizing discovery documents

Assignment:

Listing discovery procedures for simulated cases.

Drafting components of legal documents.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing 0 - 0%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Simulated cases.

Problem solving 30 - 40%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, homework assignments

Skill Demonstrations 30 - 30%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items, Completion

Exams 20 - 30%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

In-class participation

Other Category 10 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

LAW OFFICES PROCEDURE MANUAL, Rutter Group, 1998