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**University College**

**School of Professional Studies**

**Proposal to Make Multiple Revisions to a Course**

**(Action Item)**

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**1. Identification of course:**

* 1. Current course prefix (subject area) and number: PLS 298C
  2. Course title: Advanced Legal Research and Writing

**2. Revise course title:**

* 1. Current course title: Advanced Legal Research and Writing
  2. Proposed course title: Legal Research and Writing II
  3. Proposed abbreviated title: Legal Research Writing II
  4. Rationale for revision of course title: The paralegal curriculum was reviewed and assessed as part of the development of the four-year degree option and the upcoming program review by the American Bar Association. This title will more accurately reflect course sequencing and is consistent with course titles for similar courses in ABA-approved programs.

**3. Revise course number:**

* 1. Current course number: PLS 298C
  2. Proposed course number: PLS 450C
  3. Rationale for revision of course number: The paralegal curriculum was reviewed and assessed as part of the development of the four-year degree option and the upcoming program review by the American Bar Association. Students are currently evaluated on the efficiency and accuracy of online legal research and application of that research to a limited number of advanced, legal document drafting projects. The number and complexity of projects will be increased and assessment of those projects will be geared much more to argument development and critical fact/legal analysis. This course number more accurately reflects course content and sequencing and is consistent with course numbering in ABA-approved programs.

**4. Revise course prerequisites/corequisites/special requirements:**

4.1 Current prerequisites: PLS 195C and PLS 293C

4.2 Proposed prerequisites: PLS 250C and PLS 393C

4.3 Rationale for revision of course prerequisites: The prerequisites must be revised to reflect new PLS course numbering.

4.4 Effect on completion of major/minor sequence: No effect is intended or anticipated.

**5. Revise course catalog listing:**

* 1. Current course catalog listing: The sources and techniques of performing sophisticated, independent research, including application of computer-assisted legal research methods and drafting advanced legal documents.
  2. Proposed course catalog listing: The sources and techniques of performing online, independent legal research, critical analysis of fact and law, legal argument development and drafting advanced legal documents.
  3. Rationale for revision of course catalog listing: The proposed catalog listing more accurately reflects course content and objectives.

**6. Revise course credit hours:**

* 1. Current course credit hours: 3
  2. Proposed course credit hours: N/A
  3. Rationale for revision of course credit hours: N/A

**7.** **Revise grade type:**

7.1 Current grade type: Standard letter grade

7.2 Proposed grade type: N/A

7.3 Rationale for revision of grade type: N/A

**8. Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

**9. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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| Department of Professional Studies | May 8, 2013 |
| University College Curriculum Committee | November 11, 2013 |
| Professional Education | N/A |
| General Education | N/A |
| Undergraduate Curriculum Committee |  |
| University Senate |  |