

Proposal Date: 10/15/12

**University College
Department of Professional Studies
Proposal to Create a Temporary Course
(Information Item)**

Contact Person: Julie Shadoan, South Campus C179, 780-2539

1. Identification of proposed course

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| 1.1 | Course prefix (subject area) and number: | PLS 200C |
| 1.2 | Course title: | Legal Ethics |
| 1.3 | Abbreviated course title: | Legal Ethics |
| 1.4 | Credit hours: | 3 |
| 1.5 | Schedule type: | Lecture/Lab |
| 1.6 | Prerequisites/co-requisites: | PLS 190C (Co-requisite) |
| 1.7 | Course description: | Study, analysis and application of codes of professional responsibility and standards of conduct governing the practice of law in state and federal courts. |

2. Rationale

- 2.1 Reason for offering this course on a temporary basis:

This course is being offered on a temporary basis as a trial to determine student interest in including course as a legal specialty requirement for the existing associate's degree in paralegal studies as well as future program options.

- 2.2 Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other academic units:

Many courses that address ethics in various professional contexts exist across campus. A representative but not exhaustive list includes: BCOM 301, Mass Communication Law and Ethics; BUS 102, Intro. to Ethical Issues in Business; CD 402, ASL Professional Ethics and Issues; CE 326, Engineering Law; CM 426, Construction Law; DH 324, Practice Management and Ethics; DMT 321, Professional Ethics Issues; GEOG 444, Environmental Ethics in Geography; JOUR 301, Press Law and Ethics; LEAD 330, Leadership Ethics and Decision-Making; MGT 305, Ethics and Critical Thinking; NURS 408, Professional Issues; PHIL 320, Ethics; PHIL 322, Biomedical Ethics; and PHIL 323/REL 323, Social Ethics. However, none of these courses focus on an in-depth study and application of ethical standards for legal practitioners. This is a discipline-specific course.

3. Description of proposed course

- 3.1 Course content outline:

- A. Introduction to Codes and Standards for Attorneys and Paralegals
- B. Attorney-Client Relationship
- C. Confidentiality
 - i. Privilege
 - ii. Work Product
- D. Conflicts of Interest
- E. Zealous Representation
- F. Practice Marketing
- G. Delivery of Legal Services
- H. Judges and Government Employees
- I. Special Topics

3.2 Tentative text(s):

Kent Kauffman, *Legal Ethics* (2ed. Cengage 2009); Nathan Crystal, *Professional Responsibility: Problems of Practice and the Profession* (5ed. Aspen 2011); as well as various online databases including but not limited to www.kybar.org; www.courts.ky.gov; www.lrc.ky.gov; Westlaw®; Loislaw®; and LexisNexis®.

4. **Second offering of a temporary course (if applicable)**

- 4.1 Reason for offering this course a second time on a temporary basis: N/A
- 4.2 Term course was first offered: N/A
- 4.3 Enrollment in first offering: N/A

5. **Term of Implementation:** Spring 2013

6. **Dates of review/approvals:**

- X Department/Division:
- X Dean
- ___ UCC Chair
- ___ Provost

October 24, 2012


 11/2/12

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COURSE INVENTORY FORM

Check One Create New Course
 Temporary Course Offering

1. Has this course previously been offered on a temporary basis? Yes No If yes, indicate the term offered

2. Subject Area PLS Course Number 200C Course Title (as it should appear on the transcript; maximum of 30 letters & spaces) LEGAL ETHICS

3. Term for Implementation (e.g., Spring 2012=201210, Fall 2012=201230) 201310

4. Official Course Title LEGAL ETHICS

5. Offering Unit (See Table of Code Values.) College IS Department BUS

6. Credit Hours Fixed Credit Hours: 3.00 Variable Credit Hours

7. Repeat Limit (See instructions.) 2 Total Maximum Hours (See instructions.)

8. Grading (Check all that apply.) Standard Letter Grading Pass/Fail Only No Grade
 In Progress - IP (Course is intended to span more than one term.)

9. Schedule Type (See Table of Schedule Types.) L B

10. Corequisites (courses required to be taken concurrently with this course)

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<u>PLS</u>	<u>190C</u>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

11. Equivalent Courses (Include Commonwealth School courses and other equivalent courses.)

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12. Prerequisites (See instructions.)

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13. Course Attribute Other Honors Course Developmental Course

14. Course Restrictions Include/ Exclude College College Major Major Classification

15. Course Description (Indicate exactly as it should appear in the University Catalog. Include pertinent special information, e.g., course fees, pass/fail grading, field trips, transportation requirements, etc.)
Study, analysis and application of codes of professional responsibility and standards of conduct governing the practice of law in state and federal courts.

16. Approvals: Department Head [Signature] Date 10/26/12
 Temporary course: College Dean D.K. G... Date 11/2/12
 Graduate Dean _____ Date _____
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee _____ University Senate _____
 Graduate Council _____

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Course Description	_____			
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