# Course Outcome Summary

## Required Program Core Course

LAW 205  
Legal Research & Writing I

### Course Information

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### 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

A. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
B. Demonstrate computer competency including technology commonly used in law offices.
C. Explain the concepts of and engage in legal research, including computer-based legal research.
D. Explain and apply the standards of conduct, including ethics, expected of the legal professionals.
E. Articulate the structure of the legal system and the paralegal’s duties and responsibilities for the delivery of legal services within that system.
F. Demonstrate knowledge of substantive and procedural law including applying that knowledge to factual scenarios.
G. 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:

1. Students will be able identify and distinguish primary and secondary authority used for basic legal research.  
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2. Students will be able to identify and apply methods of legal research.  
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3. 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
4. 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
5. Students will be able to identify and apply the legal analysis process.  
   Applies To Program Outcome: C

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