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**COLLEGE OF ARTS
& SCIENCES** COURSE SYLLABUS

Course	LEGL 5300 Legal Ethics	Spring 1, 2008
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Course Description	This course provides students with an introductory level exposure to ethical and moral dilemmas related to the law, to the ethical rules govern those situations as developed by the American Bar Association.	
Incoming Competencies (Prerequisites)	Student should be admitted to the Webster University BA/BS program.	
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce students to ethical and moral issues related to the legal profession; • To provide students and analytical framework to deal with an ethical problem; • To teach students critical thinking, including the ability to view ethical dilemmas from the perspective of various involved parties; • To introduce students to the ethical rules that govern the area of legal ethics, including those that govern lawyers and legal assistants; • To familiarize students with and analyze current issues that the public perceives as problematic that involves legal ethics; • To develop practical skills involving ethical dilemmas, including the ability to recognize ethical dilemmas and to recognize behavior that fall outside the allowable scope of legal ethics. 	
Course Materials	<u>Ethics for the Legal Professional</u> by Orlick, 5 th edition, Marien Hill Publishing, ISBN 0-9633276-3-1. Text editions are subject to change. Please refer to MBS Direct as to correct/current edition. Text(s) may be obtained from MBS Direct Books at 1-800-325-3252 or www.mbsdirect.net . Checks and credit cards accepted.	
Course Grading	Final exam	70 points
	Assignments	20 points
	Participation & promptness	10 points

Policy Statements	<p>Academic Dishonesty: Webster University strives to be a center of academic excellence. As part of our Statement of Ethics, the University strives to preserve academic honor and integrity by repudiating all forms of academic and intellectual dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism and all other forms of academic dishonesty. Academic Dishonesty is unacceptable and is subject to a disciplinary response. See page 29 of the Webster University 2005-2007 Graduate Catalog for a complete description. The University reserves the right to utilize electronic databases, such as Turnitin.com, to assist faculty and students with their academic work.</p>
Note	<p>This syllabus may be revised at the discretion of the instructor without prior notification or consent of the student.</p>
	<p>An “A” grade reflects outstanding work. It does not reflect mediocre work or work that simply fulfills minimum requirements. I reserve the right to substitute an oral exam for any assignment or written examination. I also reserve the right to modify this syllabus.</p>
	<p>Attendance is mandatory due to the subject of this course and if you must miss a class, make every effort to notify me prior to class. This class is of the nature that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to learn the course content without attending ALL sessions.</p>
Reading to complete prior to first meeting	<p>Read Chapter 1.</p>

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Weekly Course Schedule

Each class will be held more or less in the following format:

Part I: Discussion of questions from last weeks meeting.

Part II: Lecture on this week's topic.

Part III: Group work on Orlik's exercises.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Introduction: Integrity and competence; Read Chapter 1.
2	Making legal services available; fees; billing; Read Chapter 2.
3	The unauthorized practice of law; Read Chapter 3.
4	The duty of confidence and other fiduciary duties; Read Chapter 4.
5	Conflicts; Read Chapter 5.
6	Competence and malpractice; Read Chapter 6.
7	Zealous representation and related issues; Read Chapter 7.
8	Professionalism; Read Chapters 8 & 9. Final Exam.