

SURV 217

Survey Law II

3 Credits (3 Lecture Hours per week)

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

SURV 217 – Survey Law II: uses a lecture format to explore facts relating to the application of Maryland Property Law; coverage includes the Order of Conflicting Title Elements, Maryland’s Annotated Code, Writing legal descriptions, boundary survey plat, riparian rights, using a law Library, adverse possessions, record keeping, Maryland standards, how to be an “Expert Witness”, professional ethics, and zoning regulations.

Pre-requisites: SURV 116 or consent of the Department Chair

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Summarize the Order of Conflicting Title Elements;
2. Write a legal description;
3. Compile a Boundary Survey Plat;
4. Summarize Riparian Rights;
5. Describe how to use a Law Library;
6. Interpret Adverse Possessions;
7. Illustrate proper record keeping;
8. Interpret Maryland and National Standards (American Land Title Association (ALTA)/ American Congress of surveying and Mapping (ACSM));
9. Demonstrate how to be an “Expert Witness”; and
10. Discuss professional ethics.

Major Topics

- I. Order of Conflicting Title Elements
- II. Writing Legal Descriptions
- III. Boundary Survey Plat
- IV. Riparian Rights
- V. Using a Law Library
- VI. Adverse Possessions
- VII. Record Keeping
- VIII. Maryland Standards
- IX. How to be a “Expert Witness”
- X. Professional Ethics

Course Requirements

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.
For more information, see your professor’s syllabus.

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Quizzes, tests, exams: Individual instructors will notify students of procedures, but as a minimum two test or quizzes will be required
- Comprehensive Midterm Exam: The course will require a comprehensive Midterm Exam
- Comprehensive Final Exam: The course will require a comprehensive final exam
- Homework assignments” Individual instructors will notify students of procedures, but as a minimum two graded assignments will be given

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

Other Course Information

This course is a core course in Surveying Degree and Certificate Programs.

This course is taught in a classroom environment.

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