

LGST 207

Torts

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

LGST 207 – Torts: introduces students to American civil law. Topic areas include negligence, intentional torts, and strict liability. Discusses defenses to tort claims and damages available. Students review court procedure in a civil trial. Teaches interviewing and investigation techniques for civil cases. Students draft operative tort law documents.

Pre-requisites: LGST 103

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. explain the elements of selected intentional torts;
2. apply the elements of and defenses to intentional torts in fictional client scenarios;
3. apply the elements of and defenses to negligence to fictional client scenarios;
4. differentiate between the various types of tort damages to calculate damages in a fictional client scenario;
5. differentiate between the various strict liability actions;
6. identify the various stages of trial and the associated documents with each stage;
7. interview clients and witnesses to gather the facts of a case;
8. evaluate the impact of tort reform on tort law, plaintiffs, defendants, and the civil rights of citizens;
9. synthesize case law and reduce to a written legal analysis of a factual scenario involving a tort;
10. support written analysis of a tort-based scenario with validated legal authority using appropriate legal research technologies;
11. analyze medical malpractice actions in relation to a fictional client scenario;
12. analyze auto accident negligence actions in relation to a fictional client scenario; and
13. identify the legal ethics issues in representing clients in tort actions.

Major Topics

- I. Negligence
 - a. Duty
 - b. Breach
 - c. Causation
 - d. Damages
 - e. Defenses to Negligence
- II. Intentional Torts
 - a. Types of Intentional Torts

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.

For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

- b. Defenses to Intentional Torts
- III. Special Tort Actions
 - a. Malpractice
 - b. Misrepresentation
 - c. Nuisance
 - d. Strict Liability
 - e. Product Liability
 - f. Automobile Insurance
 - g. Defamation
- IV. Tort Reform
- V. Tort Liability
 - a. Joint Liability
 - b. Vicarious Liability
- VI. Bad Faith

Course Requirements

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

- Four assessments from one or more of the following categories: exams, mid-term exam, final exam (does not have to be cumulative), and written assignments such as preparing a written legal memorandum, case briefs, or written comparison/analysis of cases and/or statutes.

Other Course Information

This course is a Legal Studies required course. It is taught online and in the classroom using a variety of instructional techniques, which are intended to meet the varied learning styles of our diverse population.

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