

**YORK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Prefix/No: LEG 233
Course Title: Wills, Trusts, and Probate
Lec Hours/Week: 3.0
Lab Hours/Week: 0.0
Credit Hours/Semester: 3.0

[Distance Learning Attendance/VA Statement](#)
[Textbook Information](#)

Course Description

This course includes a detailed study of testacy and intestacy, preparation of wills and codicils, and fundamentals of trust and probate administration.

Course Competencies

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be competent to complete the following tasks:

Module 1 – Planning an Estate

- Define the core terminology related to probate law
- Discuss the effects of an individual passing with a will and passing without a will
- Explain the legal aspects of dying testate vs. intestate

Module 2 – Wills

- Explain the legal requirements for making a will
- Outline the written structure of a will
- Describe, in detail, the legal rights of the testator, family members and others relating to wills
- Draft a will

Module 3 – Trusts

- Define the core terminology related to law of trusts
- Outline the components of a trust
- Draft certain trust documents

Module 4 – Estate Administration

- Outline the process to probate a will
- Identify the courts, individuals, and others involved in the probate process
- Explain the basic tax considerations relating to an estate

MINIMAL STANDARDS

Minimal standards of performance on all course competencies for receiving credit for the course are indicated by 60% overall accuracy on evaluation instruments that address the course competencies listed above.

Required standards of performance on all course competencies for enrollment in subsequent higher-level legal courses are indicated by 70% overall accuracy on evaluation instruments that address the course competencies listed above.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for attending all scheduled class meetings until they have completed all course assignments made in all classes. Students who are absent from a class more than 20% of the hours assigned will be withdrawn. Any student caught cheating or involved in other academic dishonesty will be given a grade of zero and will be subject to further disciplinary action.

EVALUATION STRATEGIES/GRADING

Module 1

Test(s) – 18.75% of final average

Homework/Quizzes/Class Participation/Class Projects – 6.25% of final average

Module 2

Test(s) – 18.75% of final average

Homework/Quizzes/Class Participation/Class Projects – 6.25% of final average

Module 3

Test(s) – 18.75% of final average

Homework/Quizzes/Class Participation/Class Projects – 6.25% of final average

Module 4

Test(s) – 18.75% of final average

Homework/Quizzes/Class Participation/Class Projects – 6.25% of final average

Grading Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

Prerequisites: RDG 100 and ENG 100 with minimum grades of “C”

Co-requisites: None

Entry-level skills: None