

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: TORTS

Prefix and Course Number: LA 220

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Describe tort law.
- Identify common issues in tort law.
- Draft basic tort pleadings and associated documents.

Course Outline:

- I. Introduction
 - A. Course Objectives
 - B. Definition of “torts”
 - C. Torts contrasted with other law areas
 - D. Common Law and Statutes
- II. Intentional Interference with the Person
 - A. Battery
 - B. Assault
 - C. False Imprisonment
 - D. Outrage
 - E. Defenses
 1. Consent
 2. Self-Defense
 3. Defense of Others
 4. Defense of Property
 5. Forcible Entry on Land
 6. Recapture of Chattels
 7. Arrest Without a Warrant
- III. Negligence
 - A. Definition
 - B. Duty
 1. Foreseeability
 2. Special and Assumed Duty
 - C. Standard of Care and Breach of Duty
 - D. Proof Requirements
 - E. Proximate Cause
 - F. Damages
 - G. Defenses
 - H. Professional Negligence
- IV. Strict Liability
 - A. Abnormally Dangerous Activity
 - B. Flooding
 - C. Fire
 - D. Animals
 - E. Products Liability
 - F. Washington Tort Reform Act
- V. Automobiles
 - A. Rules of the Road and Negligence per se

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- B. Family Purpose Doctrine
- C. Insurance
- D. Joint Venture or Joint Enterprise
- E. Emergency Doctrine