

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Outline: LEGAL MACHINE TRANSCRIPTION  
Code No.: MTL 400  
Program: OFFICE ADMINISTRATION - LEGAL  
Semester: FOUR  
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**PREREQUISITE;**

MTL 300 is a prerequisite for MTL 400

**PHILOSOPHY/GOAL;**

To develop listening skills and the ability to understand dictated material accurately.

To develop ear-finger-toe coordination.

To develop skill in operating various types of dictating equipment.

To develop skill in transcribing material from prepared tapes quickly and accurately, without sacrificing quality.

To improve the student's grammar, English usage and legal vocabulary.

**STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES;**

The student will produce "Mailable" copy without preparation of a rough draft beforehand.

The student will develop proofreading and editing skills.

The student will transcribe work which will be encountered frequently in a law office, i.e. correspondence, accounts, reports, documents, etc.

To provide the student with an understanding of various legal documents and to develop the ability to transcribe the contents from machine dictation, organize the work, and set priorities.

To develop the student's ability to supply punctuation, correct grammatical errors, properly paragraph letters and documents, etc.

To develop the student's ability to transcribe material dictated by various people and to learn to adapt to their particular method or style of dictation.

The student will hand all work in neatly, in the order dictated, in a file folder which will be labelled accordingly.

**STUDENT EVALUATION;**

Students must check work against the teacher's key, marking all errors. This work is to be submitted to the instructor who will record it as being completed.

Throughout the semester, six tapes will be assigned a mark. These tapes will be selected randomly from tapes transcribed throughout the semester. All work will be done in class time. The term mark will be based on the BEST FOUR of the marked tapes.

If a student is not able to transcribe a tape because of illness, or a legitimate emergency, that student must contact the instructor prior to the class and provide an explanation which is acceptable to the instructor (medical certificates or other appropriate proof may be required). In cases where the student has contacted the instructor, and where the reason is not classified as an emergency i.e. slept in, forgot, etc., the student may make the tape up at the end of the course at the instructor's discretion. In cases where the student has not contacted the instructor, the student will receive a mark of "0" on that tape.

90 - 100%	=	A+
80 - 89%	=	A
70 - 79%	=	B
60 - 69%	=	C
Under 60	=	R

Any non-returnable tests which have been returned to the student for review only, must be returned at the end of the class or the student will be penalized 5 marks on the test grade received.

Each student will be required to keep a file in a designated classroom. This will facilitate the return of assignments, grades, and any messages the Office Administration faculty need to relay to the student.

**GRADING;**

- proofreading and spelling errors = -5
- word division errors = -1/2 - -2
- punctuation (minor) = -1/2
- punctuation (major - proper noun or line ending) = -5
- all other errors (poor corrections, no enclosure notation, uncorrected carbon copy errors, etc.) = -2
- formatting errors (minor - "mailable" but has not met formatting criteria) = -2
- formatting errors (major - "unmailable") = -5

**TEXT:**

**Semester IV:** Legal Machine Transcription Course - Caicco

Webster Dictionary or equivalent

**NOTE: Students will not be allowed into class without a dictionary.**

**TIME:**

2 periods per week

**SUPPLIES REQUIRED:**

- cardon paper (good quality)
- letterhead and envelopes in Bookstore - Mason, Caicco & Blake
- 2 manilla file folders - 8 1/2 x 11
- typing paper
- disk for IBM PC
- The Gregg Reference Manual (Sabin, O'Neill)