



## Advanced Legal Descriptions

<b>Number:</b>	<b>SURV 222</b>
<b>Credits:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Evenings:</b>	<b>M/W</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>6-9 PM</b>
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>BREWSTER, PLS</b>

### Course Description:

Study of the writing and interpretation of legal descriptions as they pertain to the conveying of land. Types of legal descriptions. Written intentions of the parties. Controlling elements in descriptions. Easement descriptions. Rights associated with written descriptions versus unwritten rights. Other special topics in legal descriptions.

**Prerequisites: SURV 221 or Instructor Permission**

### Location:

**WEI Campus:**  
**Haskell Business Center**  
**1414 Meador Avenue, Suite 104**  
**Bellingham, WA 98229**



### Course Dates and Times:

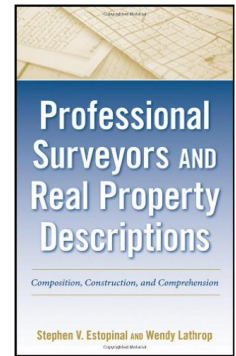
The course is scheduled to run on **Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00-9:00 PM** from **November 2nd to November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the course calendar on the third page for course material.

### College Tuition and Registration:

**Tuition for this course is \$480.** Tuition must be paid before the course begins. Enrolled engineering college students are automatically registered for this course and always have seniority for this class. Continuing education students may register by phone or email starting two-weeks before the course begins. Continuing education students may also send class registrations by mail.

## Class Materials Provided by the Instructor:

- **Course Textbooks: Professional Surveyors and Real Property Descriptions 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, ISBN: 0470542594.** By Wendy Lathrop, PLS and Stephen Estopinal, PLS and Published by Wiley. The textbooks must be returned at the end of course to gain a transcript grade for the course. A fee of \$120 shall be paid for damaged, lost, or destroyed books.



## Class Materials Provided by the Student:

- **Personal Laptop:** Students are required to have a laptop in order to conduct the course.
- 3 Ring Binder, calculator, engineer calculations pad (green sheets), and small straight edge for linework.
- Positive, motivated, respectful, and helpful classroom character

## Instructor

### Tom Brewster, PLS

#### Land Surveying Instructor

**Experience:** 26 years in the Land Surveying profession. Tom is currently the Survey Department Manager at Wilson Engineering. Tom is experienced with aerial photogrammetric control, large-scale mapping and construction projects for highways, flood control districts, land development, and utilities. Tom has many years experience with marine and river bathymetric surveys, and is a instructor of land surveying.

**Registration:** Professional Land Surveyor

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Washington University

## Format:

**Class Structure:** Evenings will typically run in three one-hour blocks as follows:

6:00 PM – Class setup and first hour  
6:50 PM – Break  
7:00 PM – Class  
7:50 PM – Break  
8:00 PM – Class last hour

## Final Exam and Grades:

Students will be graded by attendance (20%), homework assignments (40%), and final exam (40%). The Instructor holds the sole authority to issue grades and issues grades based on a 4.0 schedule as follows.

### Grading legend

4.0	A+
3.7	A
3.5	A-
3.3	B+
3.0	B
2.7	B-

2.4	C+
2.0	C
1.7	C-
1.4	D+
1.0	D
0.7	D-

AU	Class audited with no grade earned
EXP	Experiential credit granted per policy
EDU	Prior education credit granted per policy
I	Incomplete – Instructor Allows Extra Time to Complete
W	Withdrawn from class

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
31	<b>Halloween</b>	1		2	<b>CH1 - Introduction</b>	3		4		5	*	6	
				<b>Chapter 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property, Title, Interests, Transfers, and Deeds</li> </ul>					9AM-12NOON Catch Up Lecture Time Used <b>only</b> if we get behind				
7	<b>CH2 - Land Record Systems</b>	8		9	<b>CH3 - Directions</b>	10		11		12	*	13	
	<b>Chapter 2 - Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metes and Bounds</li> <li>US Public Lands System</li> <li>Platted Subdivisions and Combined Record Systems</li> </ul>			<b>Chapter 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angles, Meridians, Bearings</li> <li>Curved Lines, Azimuths</li> <li>Compass Directions and Headings</li> </ul>					9AM-12NOON Catch Up Lecture Time Used <b>only</b> if we get behind				
14	<b>CH5 – Platting to Describe</b>	15		16	<b>CH6 - Composing</b>	17		18		19	<b>CH6 - Composing</b>	20	
	<b>Chapter 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original Surveys</li> <li>Retracement Surveys</li> <li>Reserving the Evidence</li> <li>Reference to Plats in Descriptions</li> </ul>			<b>Chapter 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hierarchy of Calls</li> <li>Caption, Body, and Elements</li> <li>Punctuation and Language</li> </ul>					9AM-12NOON <b>Chapter 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hierarchy of Calls</li> <li>Caption, Body, and Elements</li> <li>Punctuation and Language</li> </ul>				
21	<b>CH7 – ALTA/ACSM</b>	22		23		24		25		26		27	
	<b>Chapter 7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Title Insurance</li> <li>ALTA/ACSM Standards</li> <li>Descriptions</li> </ul>		<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>										
28	<b>CH8 – Special Topics</b>	29		30	<b>Final Exam</b>	1		2		3		4	
	<b>Chapter 8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed Discrepancies</li> <li>Professional Responsibilities</li> <li>Local Practice &amp; Uniform Language</li> </ul>			<b>Final Exam</b>									