

Paralegal Studies A.A. Degree

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2024-25

GE Pattern: local AA/AS

Total Units: 60

Start Term: Fall

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall)

8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
GE	ENGWR 300 / 480 ^{H, ABA}	College Composition	3	Ila WC
GE	STAT 300 / 480 ^H	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	4	MC
GE		any PE activity course	1	IIIa

Semester 2 (Spring)

10 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 300	Introduction to Law and the American Legal System	3	
GE	POLS 301 / 481 ^{H, ABA}	Introduction to Government: United States	3	Va
GE	ENGWR 303 ^{ABA}	Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking Through Literature	4	IIb

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall)

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 320	Legal Research	3	
Req	LA 350	Law Office Management	3	
GE	COMM 325 ^{ABA}	Intercultural Communication	3	VI

Semester 4 (Spring)

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 310	Civil Procedures and Litigation	3	
Req	LA 321	Legal Writing	3	
GE	PHIL 310 ^{ABA}	Introduction to Ethics	3	I

Third Year

Semester 5 (Fall)

6 Units

CAT. COURSE TITLE UNIT GE AREA

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

Paralegals find employment in both state and federal government as well as private practice and corporate settings.

Advising Notes:

 Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGWR 300/480.

Scheduling Notes:

- LA 300 is offered in the fall, spring, and summer.
- LA 310, 312, 314, and 350 are offered in the fall and spring.
- LA 320 is offered in the fall regularly, and in the spring and summer occasionally.
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- LA 330, 332, 336, and 342 are offered in the fall.
- LA 334, 360, 362, and 365 are offered in the spring.
- This program can be started in spring and summer as well. <u>See a counselor</u> to adjust the coursework.

Other Notes:

The American Bar Association (ABA)
has specific requirements for 18
units of additional non-legalassisting coursework (ABA
Breadth). See the Legal Assisting
website for more information.

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 312	Torts and Personal Injury	3	
GE	ANTH 300 / 480 H, ABA	Biological Anthropology	3	IV

Semester 6 (Spring)

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 314	Contract Law	3	
RE	LA 334	Criminal Law and Procedure	3	

Fourth Year

Semester 7 (Fall)

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
GE	ADMJ 302	Community Relations: Multicultural Issues	3	Vb
RE	LA 342	Evidence	3	

Semester 8 (Spring)

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
GE	BUS 312	Workplace Behavior and Ethics	3	IIIb
RE	LA 362	Estate Planning and Probate Procedure	3	

ABA courses that meet the ABA Breadth requirements for this degree

^H honors courses

	EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES			
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program		
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list		

Graduation Requirement

A course that fulfills a specific graduation requirement which can be replaced by another course that meets the same graduation requirement.

MC = Math Competency

wc = Writing Competency

An internship (LA 498) is highly recommended as it opens up potential employment opportunities. Students can earn between 0.5 – 4.0 units for related paid or unpaid work experience including volunteer and internship positions through LA 498. This course also works toward satisfying GE Area IIIb. See the Work Experien ce website for more information.