



Paralegal Studies A.A. Degree

FULL TIME

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)

14 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	COMM 325 ^{ABA}	Intercultural Communication	3	VI
GE	POLS 301 / 481 ^{H, ABA}	Introduction to Government: United States	3	Va
GE		any PE activity course	1	IIIa

Semester 2 (Spring)

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 300	Introduction to Law and the American Legal System	3	
Req	LA 320	Legal Research	3	
GE	ENGWR 303 ^{ABA}	Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking Through Literature	4	IIb
GE	PHIL 310 ^{ABA}	Introduction to Ethics	3	I
GE	ADMJ 302	Community Relations: Multicultural Issues	3	Vb

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall)

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 312	Torts and Personal Injury	3	
Req	LA 321	Legal Writing	3	
RE	LA 342	Evidence	3	
Req	LA 350	Law Office Management	3	
GE	ANTH 300 / 480 ^{H, ABA}	Biological Anthropology	3	IV

Semester 4 (Spring)

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
Req	LA 310	Civil Procedures and Litigation	3	
Req	LA 314	Contract Law	3	

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. [See a counselor](#) to adjust the coursework.

Other Notes:

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

CAT.	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT	GE AREA
RE	LA 334	Criminal Law and Procedure	3	
RE	LA 362	Estate Planning and Probate Procedure	3	
GE	BUS 312	Workplace Behavior and Ethics	3	IIIb

^{ABA} courses that meet the ABA Breadth requirements for this degree

^H honors courses

- 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 Experience website](#) for more information.

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

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