



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: 2026-27

GE Pattern: local AA/AS

Total Units: 60

Start Term: Fall

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall)

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	ENGL C1000 ^{ABA} College Composition or	3		L1A
	ENGL C1000H ^{H, ABA} Honors College Composition	3		
GE	STAT C1000 ^{ABA} Introduction to Probability and Statistics or	4		L2
	STAT C1000H ^{H, ABA} Introduction to Probability and Statistics - Honors	4		

Semester 2 (Spring)

10 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	PLGL 300 Introduction to Law and the American Legal System	3	ENGL C1000 or C1000H or ESLW 340	
GE	POLS C1000 ^{ABA} Introduction to Government: United States or	3		L4
	POLS C1000H ^{H, ABA} Introduction to Government: United States - Honors	3		
GE	ENGL C1003 ^{ABA} Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking Through Literature	4	ENGL C1000 or C1000H	L1B

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall)

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	PLGL 320 Legal Research	3		

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

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

Advising Notes:

- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-GETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- Students in majors (like this one) with 45 units or more of required coursework are exempt from the Area L7 general education requirement, so it is not included in this map. If you change your major you may be required to complete the L7 requirement.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- **Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 100-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.

Scheduling Notes:

- PLGL 300 is offered in the fall, spring, and summer.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	PLGL 350 Law Office Management	3		
GE	any Area L6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		L6

Semester 4 (Spring)

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	PLGL 310 Civil Procedures and Litigation	3		
Req	PLGL 321 Legal Writing	3	PLGL 320	
GE	PHIL 310 ^{ABA} Introduction to Ethics	3		L3

Third Year

Semester 5 (Fall)

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	PLGL 312 Torts and Personal Injury	3		
GE	ANTH 300 ^{ABA} Biological Anthropology or ANTH 480 ^{H, ABA} Honors Biological Anthropology	3		L5

Semester 6 (Spring)

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	PLGL 314 Contract Law	3		
RE	PLGL 334 Criminal Law and Procedure	3	PLGL 300	

Fourth Year

Semester 7 (Fall)

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	PLGL 342 Evidence	3	PLGL 300	
Elec	any elective course	3		
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Semester 8 (Spring)

6 Units

- PLGL 310, 312, 314, and 350 are offered in the fall and spring.
- PLGL 320 is offered in the fall regularly, and in the spring and summer occasionally.
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- PLGL 330, 332, 336, and 342 are offered in the fall.
- PLGL 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.
- An internship (PLGL 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 PLGL 498. See the [Work Experience website](#) for more information.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	PLGL 362 Estate Planning and Probate Procedure	3	PLGL 300	
Elec	any elective course	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
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree