

Associate of Science in Legal Studies

The Associate of Science in Legal Studies offers a foundation in legal doctrine, along with the analytical, technical, and communication skills necessary for a career in the legal field. This associate degree program will aid you in doing your part to help solve aspects of the complex societal challenges associated with the public's ability to access justice and by preparing you for a nonlawyer paraprofessional career, such as paralegal, legal assistant, legal analyst or technician. By equipping you for ethical service and leadership, the knowledge gained from this online program is applicable to many employers seeking individuals with legal expertise, such as law firms, government agencies, nonprofits, and corporations or businesses with legal departments.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Apply legal research and writing skills in realistic legal contexts.
- Develop critical thinking and legal analytical skills.
- Demonstrate proficiency with law office equipment and software.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	21
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Elective Requirements	6
	Total Semester Hours	60

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	

ARAB101	Arabic II
ARTH200	Art Appreciation
ARTH241	Film and Literature
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop
FREN100	French I
FREN101	French II
GERM100	German I
GERM101	German II
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt
MUSI200	Music Appreciation
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL110	Critical Thinking
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions
RUSS100	Russian I
SPAN100	Spanish I
SPAN101	Spanish II
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically
Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)	
Select 2 courses from the following:	
	6
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
CHFD220	Human Sexuality
COMM211	Social Media and Society
COMM240	Intercultural Communication
ECON101	Microeconomics
ECON102	Macroeconomics
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness
IRLS210	International Relations I

LITR212	Forgotten America—Under Represented Cultures in American Literature
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI212	Social Problems
SOCI220	American Popular Culture
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric	3

History (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	

Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:		3
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	

Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)

Select 1 course from the following:		3
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	

EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines

Total Semester Hours 30

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

Major Required (21 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD100	Introduction to Law for Paralegals	3
LSTD201	Litigation	3
LSTD202	Real Estate Law	3
LSTD203	Criminal Law and Procedure for the Paralegal	3
LSTD205	Legal Research and Writing	3
LSTD207	Civil Practice and Procedure	3
LSTD210	Legal Ethics	3

Total Semester Hours 21

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD299	Sophomore Seminar in Paralegal Studies ¹	3

Total Semester Hours 3

¹ To be taken as the last course before graduation.

Elective Requirements (6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Students must complete 6 semester hours comprised of lower (100-200) level courses not taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Additional general education courses may be taken to fulfill elective requirements.		6

Total Semester Hours 6