

Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies

The Associate of Science in Paralegal 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
	ARTH200	

ARTH241
DSIN141
LITR201
LITR202
LITR210
LITR211
LITR220
LITR221
ARAB100
ARAB101
FREN100
FREN101
GERM100
GERM101
JAPN100
MUSI200
MUSI250
PHIL101
PHIL110
PHIL200
PHIL202
PORT100
RELS201
RUSS100
SPAN100
SPAN101

Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)

Select 2 courses from the following: 6

ANTH100
ANTH202
CHFD220
COMM211
COMM240
ECON101
ECON102
EDUC200
GEOG101
HOSP110
IRLS210
LITR204
LITR205
POLS210
PSYC101
SOCI111
SOCI212

SOCI220

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)	
COMM120	3
ENGL110	3
ENGL102	3
History (3 semester hours)	
Select 1 course from the following:	3
HIST101	
HIST102	
HIST111	
HIST112	
HIST121	
HIST122	
HIST221	
HIST222	
HIST223	
HIST270	
Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)	
Select 1 course from the following:	3
ACCT105	
ENTD200	
MATH110	
MATH111	
MATH120	
MATH125	
MATH225	
Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)	
Select 1 course from the following:	3
BIOL180	
BIOL181	
CHEM180	
ERSC180	
ERSC181	
EVSP180	
PHYS180	
SPST180	
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		3
LSTD201		3
LSTD202		3
LSTD203		3
LSTD205		3
LSTD207		3
LSTD210		3
Total Semester Hours		21

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
LSTD299	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