

Associate in Applied Science in Paralegal

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will have experienced a well-rounded general education, including a concentration in paralegal coursework.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

With this degree, students can prepare to transfer to four-year institutions to continue their studies in paralegal or law disciplines or begin work in law offices.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students are permitted to complete a higher-level math course than shown below. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of "C" or better.

General Education Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English II (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 110	Human Biology	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	4 credits

Major-specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
BUSI 207	Business Law 1	3 credits
BUSI 208	Business Law 2	3 credits
BUSI 240	Professionalism Workshop	1 credit
ISYS 110	Introduction to Computer Technology	3 credits
LEGA 102	Law in the United States	3 credits
LEGA 203	Legal Research and Writing 1	3 credits
LEGA 204	Legal Research and Writing 2	3 credits
LEGA 205	Criminal Litigation	3 credits
LEGA 206	Civil Litigation	3 credits
LEGA 220	Torts	3 credits
LEGA 230	Wills, Trusts, and Probate	3 credits
LEGA 240	Bankruptcy	3 credits
LEGA 255	Internship	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 62

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Paralegal Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites are listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined does not meet MTA requirements. A student would need an additional science course and an additional humanities course. See advisor for specific details if the MTA is important to you.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before he/she plans to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ISYS 110 Introduction to Computer Technology	3 credits	None
LEGA 102 Law in the United States	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
LEGA 203 Legal Research & Writing 1	3 credits	LEGA 102 (concurrent enrollment allowed); ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits	None

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
LEGA 204 Legal Research & Writing 2	3 credits	LEGA 203
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
PHIL 210 Introduction to Ethics	4 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
BUSI 207 Business Law 1	3 credits	None. BUSI 200 recommended.
BUSI 208 Business Law 2	3 credits	None. BUSI 200 and BUSI 207 recommended
ECON 202 Microeconomics	3 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
LEGA 220 Torts	3 credits	LEGA 102; LEGA 203
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
BUSI 240 Professionalism Workshop	1 credit	None
LEGA 205 Criminal Litigation	3 credits	LEGA 102; LEGA 203
LEGA 206 Civil Litigation	3 credits	LEGA 102; LEGA 203
LEGA 230 Wills, Trusts, and Probate	3 credits	LEGA 102; LEGA 203
LEGA 240 Bankruptcy	3 credits	LEGA 102; LEGA 203
LEGA 255 Internship	3 credits	Permission of Internship Coordinator; BUSI 240 (concurrent enrollment allowed)