

Associate in Arts in Paralegal

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will experience a well-rounded general education, including a concentration in paralegal coursework that will prepare them well for advanced studies.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

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

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, fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below, and complete a minimum of 60 credit hours. Additionally, each general education course must be completed with a minimum grade of "C." Courses marked with an asterisk may be substituted for different courses with approval. Talk to an advisor for specific details.

General Education and MTA Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or 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
GEOG 110	Physical Geography*	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

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

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 265	Creative Nonfiction Writing*	3 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
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 or LEGA 240	Criminal Litigation or Bankruptcy	3 credits
LEGA 206	Civil Litigation	3 credits
LEGA 220	Torts	3 credits
LEGA 230	Wills, Trusts, and Probate	3 credits

Additional Notes About the A.A. 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 meets MTA requirements.
- 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)
ENGL 103 or 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed); ENGL 101 or test score
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ISYS 110 Introduction to Computer Technology	3 credits	None
LEGA 102 Law in the United States	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
LEGA 203 Legal Research & Writing 1	3 credits	LEGA 102 and 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	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)
LEGA 204 Legal Research & Writing 2	3 credits	LEGA 203
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test scores
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.
ECON 202 Microeconomics	3 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102 or test scores
GEOG 110 Physical Geography	4 credits	None.
LEGA 220 Torts	3 credits	LEGA 102 and LEGA 203
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	CRIT 103, CRIT 103W, or test scores (concurrent enrollment allowed)

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
BUSI 208 Business Law 2	3 credits	BUSI 207; BUSI 200 recommended.
ENGL 265 Creative Nonfiction Writing	3 credits	None
LEGA 206 Civil Litigation	3 credits	LEGA 102 and LEGA 203
LEGA 230 Wills, Trusts, and Probate	3 credits	LEGA 102 and LEGA 203
LEGA 205 Criminal Litigation or LEGA 240 Bankruptcy	3 credits	LEGA 102 and LEGA 203