



**PARALEGAL, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**  
48 Months – 192 Credit Units

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Graduates of the Paralegal program are prepared, under the direction of an attorney, to interview, gather, review and analyze factual situations; research the law; prepare and interpret legal documents, and conduct day to day operations of a legal office. Graduates of the program may find employment in legal offices, state and federal government agencies, corporate legal departments, consumer groups, insurance companies, banks, title companies, and legal aid societies.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal enhances the study of law and legal research to permit graduates to further their legal knowledge while enhancing their opportunity for career advancement. The program is offered for students who have 36.0 or more transferable quarter (24.0 semester) credits. Students who have earned an approved Associate of Arts degree may be enrolled with Junior standing and can complete the bachelors with an additional 96.0 credits.

The Paralegal program is a terminal degree in that it trains individuals for entry-level positions and is not a preparatory curriculum for law school.

Course Code		Course	Bachelor's Degree Quarter Credit Hours
<b>MAJOR CORE</b>			
<b>Lower division</b>			
PLA	1003	Introduction to Paralegal	4.0
PLA	2363	Criminal Procedure and the Constitution	4.0
PLA	1105	Legal Research and Writing I	4.0
PLA	2106	Legal Research and Writing II	4.0
PLA	2201	Civil Litigation I	4.0
PLA	2224	Civil Litigation II	4.0
PLA	2273	Torts	4.0
PLA	2423	Contract Law	4.0
<b>MAJOR CORE LOWER DIVISION</b>			<b>32.0</b>
<b>Upper division</b>			
PLA	3115	Legal Research and Writing III	4.0
PLA	3570	International Law	4.0
PLA	4473	Worker's Compensation and Employment Law	4.0
PLA	4116	Legal Research and Writing IV	4.0
PLA	4263	Rules of Evidence	4.0
PLA	4274	Advanced Tort Law	4.0
PLA	4523	Law and Medicine	4.0
PLA	2483	Administrative Law	4.0
PLAP	3210	Elder Law	4.0
PLA	4470	Employment Law	4.0
CJL	3215	Concepts of Criminal Law	4.0
CCJ	4054	Criminal Justice Ethics and Liability	4.0
CCJ	4129	Cultural Diversity for Criminal Justice Professionals	4.0
SCC	3004	Private Investigations I OR	4.0
PLA	2940	Paralegal Externship**	
PLAP	4400	Paralegal Senior Capstone Experience	4.0
<b>MAJOR CORE UPPER DIVISION</b>			<b>60.0</b>
<b>TOTAL MAJOR CORE CREDIT HOURS</b>			<b>92.0</b>
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION</b>			
SLSP	3130	Principles of Adult Learning	4.0
ENC	1101	Composition I	4.0

ENC	1102	Composition II	4.0
SPC	2017	Oral Communications*	4.0
MAT	1033	College Algebra	4.0
SLS	1505	Basic Critical Thinking	2.0
PSY	2012	General Psychology	4.0
EVS	1001	Environmental Science	4.0
<b>General Education Electives**</b>			24.0
Must include at least one course from each of the following subject areas:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications/Humanities</li> <li>• Math/Science</li> <li>• Social Science</li> </ul>			
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS</b>			<b>54.0</b>
<b>APPROVED ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT</b>			<b>46.0</b>
<b>TOTAL QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION</b>			<b>192.0</b>

\*Course not offered online.

**Associate's Transfer Students:** Students who enroll with an approved Associate's degree will have 96.0 transfer credits applied to the overall degree requirement of 192.0 quarter credits. Approval is based upon the degree being earned at an accredited institution, and includes a minimum of 36.0 semester or 54.0 quarter credits of general education coursework. Transfer students in this category have satisfied all elective and general education requirements, with the exception of **SLSP 3130—Principles and Applications of Adult Learning**. Students successfully completing the remaining 96.0 credits in the program will fulfill all course requirements for the bachelor's degree.

**All other students admitted to program:** must complete the degree requirements as described below.

**\*\*General Education Requirements:** To include a minimum of 54.0 quarter credits of general education coursework taken from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Math/Science categories. In addition to the courses specified in the general education section of the program outline, students must complete a total of 24.0 credits from the following subject areas, with a minimum of 4.0 credits taken from each area:

- Communications/Humanities
  - may include ENC 3211, AML 2000
- Social Sciences
  - may include SYG 2001, SOP 4005, CPO 4003, AMH 2030, POS 2041, ECO 3007, ECO 3028
- Mathematics and Science
  - may include: STA 2014

**Elective Requirements:** Students may fulfill the balance of the credit requirements for the degree by taking up to 46.0 credits in the electives category.

**Credits requirements for degree:** students must complete a minimum of 192.0 credits in the major core, general education, and elective categories.