



[Catalog 2025-2026]

Paralegal Studies (Associate in Science) | Major Code A2516

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This map includes general education (GE) courses satisfying: [Associate Degree \(A.A./A.S.\) GE Requirements](#). Additional corequisite support courses may be required with math and English. This map shows approximately 15 units each semester or 30 units a year. Taking classes during Summer and/or January intersession are also an option.

1st Semester Recommendation

Course	Course Title	Units
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4
Area 2		3
LEGL 255	Introduction to Law and Legal Terminology	3
LEGL 258	Legal Communications	3
Area 3		3

Total semester units: 16 Units

2nd Semester Recommendation

Course	Course Title	Units
Area 1B		3
LEGL 259	Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility	1
LEGL 260	Legal Research	3
Course (11 unit list)		3
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Area 4		3

Total semester units: 16 Units

OPTIONAL SUMMER TERM

3rd Semester Recommendation

Course	Course Title	Units
Area 5		3
Area 6		3
LEGL 261	Civil Litigation I	3
LEGL 268	Computer Assisted Legal Research (CALR)	2
Course (11 unit list)		3

Total semester units: 14 Units

4th Semester Recommendation

Course	Course Title	Units
Lifelong Learning		3
LEGL 270	Computer Skills for Legal Professionals	2.5
LEGL 290	Legal Cooperative Work Experience I	1
Course (11 unit list)		2
Course (3 unit list)		3
Elective		2.5

Total semester units: 14 Units

Total Program Units: 60 units

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- This program map is designed with Fall as a first semester; however, this is not required. [Schedule a Counseling appointment](#) to develop a comprehensive student education to achieve your goal.
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