

Paralegal

The purpose of the Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal degree is to prepare students for employment as a paralegal/ legal assistant with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform legal research, drafting, investigation, record-keeping and related administrative functions under the guidance and supervision of a licensed attorney. Students completing all course requirements and acquiring the associate degree would be eligible to apply for certification by examination from the National Association of Legal Assistants. The paralegal program leads to target jobs in deep east Texas.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)

PLO 1: Demonstrate competence in researching statutes, case law, and secondary sources of law.

PLO 2: Summarize, in writing, legal research findings, including correct legal analysis and conclusions.

PLO 3: Apply knowledge of Texas criminal law to law enforcement/prosecutorial scenarios.

PLO 4: Prepare and draft legal documents such as general pleadings, motions, and divorce petitions.

PLO 5: Demonstrate an understanding of the rules of ethics in legal contexts, particularly in regard to paralegals.

Courses Measuring the Achievement of Program Learning Outcomes

<u>Course</u>	<u>PLO 1</u>	<u>PLO 2</u>	<u>PLO 3</u>	<u>PLO 4</u>	<u>PLO 5</u>
LGLA 1303	X				
LGLA 2331		X			
LGLA 2313			X		
LGLA 1355				X	
LGLA 1119					X

PARALEGAL RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC PLAN

1ST YEAR, 1ST SEMESTER			Credit Hours	✓
<i>Term 1</i>				
STSU	0300	Student Development	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGLA	1307	Introduction to Law and the Legal Professions	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGLA	1353	Wills, Trusts, & Probate Administration	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Term 2</i>				
LGLA	1303	Legal Research	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUSI	2304	Business Report Writing & Correspondence	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENGL	1301	Composition I	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
1ST YEAR, 2ND SEMESTER				
<i>Term 1</i>				
LGLA	1345	Civil Litigation	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGLA	2331	Advanced Research & Writing	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Term 2</i>				
LGLA	1119	Legal Ethics	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOL	1322	Nutrition & Diet Therapy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
DRAM	1310	Theater Appreciation	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
1ST YEAR, SUMMER				
<i>Term 1</i>				
SPCH	1318	Interpersonal Communication	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Term 2</i>				
GOVT	2305	Federal Government	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
2ND YEAR, 1ST SEMESTER				
<i>Term 1</i>				
LGLA	1353	Wills, Trusts, & Probate Administration	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Term 2</i>				
LGLA	1305	Legal Writing	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGLA	1355	Family Law	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Apply for Graduation				<input type="checkbox"/>
2ND YEAR, 2ND SEMESTER				
<i>Term 1</i>				
LGLA	2309	Real Property	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGLA	2313	Criminal Law & Procedure	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Term 2</i>				
LGLA	2371	Advanced Criminal Law	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
LGLA	2303	Torts & Personal Injury Law	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Full Term</i>				
LGLA	2266	Practicum for Paralegal	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Earned:		Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal	Total Hours	60