

**Paralegal Studies
Associate of Applied Science**

Texas Southmost College
Health Care, Career and Technical Education Division

A degree in paralegal studies prepares a student for work in many areas of both the legal and business fields. Commonly students with a degree in paralegal studies work as paralegals and support staff for a law firm, government or corporation. As the law and its implications touch on all aspects of our daily life, a legal studies degree can prepare you for a career of your choice, pairing your legal skills with your specific passion to create exciting opportunities.

FIRST YEAR - FALL SEMESTER	CREDIT HOURS
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications	3
LGLA 1307 Introduction to Law and Legal Professions	3
LGLA 1355 Family Law	3
ENGL 1301 ⁺ Composition I.....	3
HRPO 1311 Human Relations.....	3

FIRST YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER	
XXXX X3XX ¹ Language, Philosophy & Culture / Creative Arts Elective	3
LGLA 1345 Civil Litigation.....	3
BUSI 2301 Business Law	3
LGLA 1353 Wills, Trusts and Probate Administration	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3

SECOND YEAR - FALL SEMESTER	
LGLA 2303 Torts and Personal Injury Law	3
LGLA 1301 Legal Research and Writing	3
LGLA 2313 Criminal Law and Procedure.....	3
GOVT 2306 Texas Government.....	3
POFI 1349 Spreadsheets.....	3

SECOND YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER	
BUSI 2304 Business Report Writing and Correspondence	3
LGLA 2309 Real Property.....	3
LGLA 2307 Law Office Management.....	3
LGLA 2380 ⁺ Cooperative Education - Legal Assistant/Paralegal.....	3
MATH 1314 ⁺ College Algebra.....	3

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION - 60

⁺ Grade of "C" or better is required for graduation.

¹Language, Philosophy & Culture/Creative Arts Electives: Any General Education Core course that meets these categories

TSI Requirement (Texas Success Initiative - any other state-approved test) - Student must pass all three sections of state-approved test to graduate with this degree.

Students must graduate within two (2) years from the academic year of entrance or may be placed under the provisions of a later catalog.

A minimum grade of "C" must be obtained in each BCIS, LGLA, BUSI, POFI, HRPO course required in the degree plan.