



Paralegal Studies Associate of Applied Science

AAS.PLGS
2024-2025

Texas Southmost College
Division of Arts and Sciences

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 daily life, a legal studies degree can prepare a student for a career of choice, pairing legal skills with specific passion to create exciting opportunities.

Recommended Course Sequence

Core Courses	Credits	Suggested Semester/Year
BCIS 1305* Business Computer Applications	3	Fall/Year 1
ENGL 1301* Composition I	3	Fall/Year 1
ENGL 2311* Technical and Business Writing	3	Spring/Year 1
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3	Spring/Year 1
GOVT 2306 Texas Government	3	Fall/Year 2
XXXX X3XX† Language, Philosophy & Culture/Creative Arts Elective	3	Spring/Year 2
MATH 1332* Contemporary Mathematics	3	Spring/Year 2
Program Courses	Credits	Suggested Semester/Year
LGLA 1307* Introduction to Law and the Legal Professions	3	Fall/Year 1
LGLA 1355* Family Law	3	Fall/Year 1
HRPO 1311* Human Relations	3	Fall/Year 1
LGLA 1345* Civil Litigation	3	Spring/Year 1
LGLA 2311* Business Organizations	3	Spring/Year 1
LGLA 1353* Wills, Trusts and Probate Administration	3	Spring/Year 1
LGLA 2303* Torts and Personal Injury Law	3	Fall/Year 2
LGLA 1301* Legal Research and Writing	3	Fall/Year 2
LGLA 2313* Criminal Law and Procedure	3	Fall/Year 2
LGLA 1351 Contracts	3	Fall/Year 2
LGLA 2309* Real Property	3	Spring/Year 2
LGLA 2307* Law Office Management	3	Spring/Year 2
LGLA 2380* Cooperative Education - Legal Assistant/Paralegal	3	Spring/Year 2
Total Credit Hours for Graduation	60	

Program Student Learning Outcomes

<p>Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLO) are statements that specify what students will know, be able to do or be able to demonstrate when they have completed the program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate proper ethical behavior in a legal environment. 2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the roles and relationships within a legal environment. 3. Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Studies will be able to use appropriate software skills to draft legal documents. 4. Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Studies will be able to apply legal terminology to draft legal documents. 5. Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Studies will be able to identify basic principles and structures of the legal system in the law office. 	
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Check course core designation at the [Class Availability website](#).

This information is provided as an example only. You will develop a personalized plan with your Success Coach and faculty advisor/mentor that reflects your goals and interests. You are required to meet with an advisor each semester to ensure you are on track for graduation. This document does not contain all the information you need to stay on track for graduation.

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

†Courses must be taken in the order offered.

‡Students may take any course within this category of the TSC General Education Core Curriculum.

§Courses must be taken in sequence: United History I and United History II or Mexican American History I and Mexican American History II.