
LEGAL STUDIES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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This curriculum is designed for the student interested in learning about the legal field and various areas of law including criminal, family, contract, tort, and estate law. Graduation from this program will provide students with both career and transfer opportunities.

Students wishing to enter the workforce will graduate with the requisite knowledge and skills to obtain employment in beginner level positions in certain government offices or as an entry-level legal assistant/ paralegal. Students will also be prepared for transfer to a four-year institution to complete their Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies or other Pre-Law related programs.

In order to graduate from the Legal Studies Program, the students must meet all college academic requirements plus achieve a grade of "C" or better in each Legal Studies (LEGL) and Criminal Justice (CRIM) course.

Successful completion of this program qualifies students to apply for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Legal Studies.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED LEGAL STUDIES COURSES

CRIM-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIM-103	Criminal Law
CRIM-203	Ethics and Leadership in Criminal Justice
CRIM-205 or	Introduction to American Constitutional Law (Political Science 205) or
POSC-205	Introduction to American Constitutional Law (Criminal Justice 205)
LEGL-101	Introduction to Legal Studies
LEGL-104	Litigation
LEGL-202	Legal Research and Writing
LEGL-203	Family and Estate Law
LEGL-204	Real Property and Title Examination
LEGL-206	Torts

REQUIRED GENERAL COURSES

BUAD-110	Business Professionalism and Ethics
BUAD-210	Business Law
COMP-101	Computer Literacy
COMP-221	Office Applications I
ENG-101	English Composition I
POSC-101	American National Government
SPCH-101	Speech Communication

REQUIRED ELECTIVE COURSES

Please consult with your advisor or the Advising Center staff for selecting appropriate elective courses for graduation.

English Elective - 3 credits

Laboratory Science Elective - 4 credits

Mathematics Elective - 3 credits

PROGRAM PATH

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TWO-YEAR CAREER PROGRAM

PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT and/or RECOMMENDED TRANSFER

FIRST SEMESTER

	<u>Credit Hours</u>
English 101 (English Composition I)	3
Computer Technology 101 (Computer Literacy)	3
Legal Studies 101 (Introduction to Legal Studies)	3
Mathematics Elective	3
Political Science 101 (American National Government)	3
Total:	15

SECOND SEMESTER

Computer Technology 221 (Office Applications I)	3
Criminal Justice 101 (Introduction to Criminal Justice)	3
Criminal Justice 103 (Criminal Law)	3
Legal Studies 104 (Litigation)	3
Speech 101 (Speech Communication)	3
Total:	15

THIRD SEMESTER

Business Administration 210 (Business Law)	3
Criminal Justice 203 (Ethics and Leadership in Criminal Justice)	3
English Elective	3
Legal Studies 203 (Family and Estate Law)	3
Political Science 205 / Criminal Justice 205 (Introduction to American Constitutional Law)	3
Total:	15

FOURTH SEMESTER

Business Administration 110 (Business Professionalism and Ethics)	2
Lab Science Elective	4
Legal Studies 202 (Legal Research and Writing)	3
Legal Studies 204 (Real Property and Title Examination)	3
Legal Studies 206 (Torts)	3
Total:	15
Total Credit Hours:	60

NOTE: All courses specifically identified by course number are graduation requirements for this program.