



Paralegal Studies - A.S. Degree and Certificate of Competence

*****For students starting with the 2003-4 Catalog or later*****

This program is approved by the American Bar Association.

The objective of the program is to educate and train laypersons to assist attorneys in their daily tasks and thereby contribute to the economical and efficient delivery of legal services in the private and public sectors of society.

Major Requirements:

The prerequisite for entrance to the program is successful completion of Law 11, Introduction to Legal Research. The American Bar Association has specific course requirements for 18 units of general education. A counselor must be consulted. Call 310-660-3458 for appointments.

Paralegal Studies Major Requirements:

Paralegal Studies 1; Law 4 or Law 5; 11, 16, 17, 19, and 20; four courses from the following: Law 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18; 3 or 4 units from Law 95abcd, Real Estate 12A. Total units 31-32

In-Residence Requirements: A total of 15 units of Legal Specialty courses including Law 11, 17, 20 and six additional units selected from Law 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, or 19 must be taken at El Camino College for the degree.

Certificate of Competence:

A certificate will be awarded to those possessing an Associate, Bachelor or higher degree or who will be completing a degree concurrently with the certificate requirements. Students may earn this certificate by completing the courses with a B average or better. *The prerequisite for entrance to the program is successful completion of Law 11, Introduction to Legal Research.*

The American Bar Association has specific course requirements for 18 units of general education. A counselor must be consulted for all students in this program.

Paralegal Studies Certificate Requirements:

Paralegal Studies 1; Law 4 or Law 5; 11, 16, 17, 19, 20; four courses from the following: Law 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18; 3 or 4 units from Law 95abcd, Real Estate 12A. Total units 31-32

In-Residence Requirements: A total of 15 units of Legal Specialty courses including Law 11, 17, 20 and six additional units selected from Law 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, or 19 must be taken at El Camino College for the certificate.

This program does not prepare students for law school or the practice of law. "No persons shall practice law in this state unless he/she is an active member of the State Bar." California Business and Professional Code, Section 6125.

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General Education Requirements
Approved by the American Bar Association
A.S. Degree and Certificate of Competence for the Paralegal Studies Major

Students interested in Paralegal Studies (for the A.S. Degree or the Certificate of Competence) are required to complete 18 units of general education coursework approved by the American Bar Association. Students must take courses **in at least three different disciplines**, such as social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, foreign language and English. Any course below used for the 18 units of general education can also apply to the A.S. Degree requirements. Please consult with an El Camino College counselor for any updated information.

American Studies 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Anatomy 30, 32
Anthropology 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
Architecture 104, 105
Art 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7
Astronomy 20 (formerly 9), 25 (formerly 10), (11)
Biology 1A, 1B, 1C, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17
Chemistry 1A, 1B, 4, 7A, 7B, (11), 20, 21A, 21B
Chinese 1, 2
Dance 1, 3
Economics 1, 2, 5
English 1A, 1B, 1C, 10, 11, 12, 15A, 15B, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40A, 40B, (41), 41A, 41B, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 72
Film 1
French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 24, 35
Geography 1, 2, 5, 7
Geology 1, 2, 15,
German 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 24
History 1A, 1B, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, (6), 8, 9, (10A), (10B), 11, 12A, 12B, (13), 14A, 14B, 16A, 16B, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 25, 30, 32, (34)
History of Science 11
Humanities 1
Italian 1, 2
Japanese 1, 2, 3, 4, 25
Journalism 12
Math 70{1}, 170{2A}, 180{2B}, 130{3}, 140(4), 150{7}, 160{9A}, 161 (9B), 180, 190 (5A), 120{11}, 20 or higher.
Meteorology 11
Microbiology 33
Music 11, 12, 13, 15A, 15B, 16
Oceanography 10
Philosophy 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 23
Physical Science 11
Physics 11, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B
Physiology 31
Political Science 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 21, (16)
Psychology 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 21, (33)
Sociology 101 (formerly 5), 102 (formerly 2), 104 (formerly 4), 115 (formerly 15)
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 24, 52
Speech Communication 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 14
Theatre 1, 4