



El Camino College Counseling Division

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

*prior to fall 2006, Paralegal Studies was an A.S. Degree

The American Bar Association accepts the general education pattern found on the A.A. Degree General Education handout or online at <http://www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/co/degreemenu.asp> . Students who started prior to Fall 2006 should use the General Education list found on the back of the 2003-4 Paralegal Degree Requirement Sheet as well as the A.S. Degree outline dated prior to 2006-2007. A counselor must be consulted during your first year in the program. Call 310-660-3458 for appointments.

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.

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, Real Estate 12A, 3 or 4 units from Law 95abcd. 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.*

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, Real Estate 12A, 3 or 4 units from Law 95abcd. 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.

