



El Camino College Counseling Division

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

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

*****The American Bar Association has specific course requirements for 18 units of general education. Students should use the General Education list found on the back of the sheet and the A.A. degree guide sheet to select General Education requirements and consult with a counselor during the first year in the program. Call 310-660-3593 extension: 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 Achievement:

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.

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

Students interested in Paralegal Studies 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.A. 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
Anatomy and Physiology 34A, 34B
Anthropology 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Architecture 104, (105)
Art 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 9, 108, 109, 150
Astronomy 20 (formerly 9), 25 (formerly 10), (11)
Biology 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 101, 102, 103
Child Development 103
Chemistry 1A, 1B, 4, 7A, 7B, (11), 20, 21A, 21B
Chinese 1, 2, 24
Communication Studies (formerly Speech) 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 14
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)
Ethnic Studies 1
Film 1, 52, 53, 54abc
French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 24, 35
Geography 1, 2, 5, 7
Geology 1, 2, 15
Global Studies 101
German 1, 2, (3), (4), (5), (6), (24)
History 101, 102, 105, 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 122, 128, 129, 140, 141, 143, 145, 152, 154, 162, 163, 165, 175, 176, 177, 178, 183, 184, (6)
 •History number changes 101(1A), 102(1B), 105(18A), 106(18B), 108(9), 110(16A), 111(16B), 112(17), 122 (32), 128(8), 129(27), 140 (3), 141 (4), 143(22), 145(37), 154(19), 162(5A), 163(5B), 165(25), 175(14A), 176(14B), 177(30), 183(12A), 184(12B)
History of Science 11
Humanities 1
Italian 1, 2, 24
Japanese 1, 2, 3, 4, 25
Journalism 12
Math 110, 111, 115, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 191, 210, 220, 270
Microbiology 33
Music 11, 12, 13, 15A, 15B, 16
Oceanography 10
Philosophy 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 23
Physical Science 25
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, 9A, 9B, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, (33)
Sign Language 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 202
Sociology 101 (formerly 5), 102 (formerly 2), 104 (formerly 4), 107, 108, 112, 115 (formerly 15)
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 24, 52
Theatre 1, 4
Women Studies 1