B.P.S. in Paralegal Studies

**Overview**

**Degree Requirements**

**Description**
The paralegal studies program is designed for the student who wishes to pursue a career as a paralegal or legal assistant.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120**

**Goals/Mission Statement**
Our mission is to educate students in a learning environment conducive to excellence in meeting the complex challenges present in justice-related services. Our faculty's goal is to expand the knowledge base and to integrate cutting-edge information into the learning experiences of students. In addition, the Department of Legal Studies' mission is to extend service to our constituents to enhance learning, program development, and justice-related service in Mississippi, the region, and the nation.

**General Education Requirements**
See the General Education/Core Curriculum for the School of Applied Sciences.

An additional 18 hours is required in the following related subjects: 3 hours of history, Pol 101 (3 hours), Phil 103 (3 hours), 6 hours of the same modern or ancient language, and Spch 102 or 105 (3 hours).

**Course Requirements**
The B.P.S. degree requires the following 18 semester hours of LA courses: LA 201, 204, 205, 303, 304, and 305.

**Other Academic Requirements**
For majors in this field, a minimum grade-point average of 2.5 must be maintained on all paralegal studies course work.

**Specializations**
- Emphasis - BPS 3+3
- Emphasis - Paralegal