

# B.P.S. in Paralegal Studies

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## 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: 124**

## 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

The general education requirements for the B.P.S. degree include Engl 101 (3), Liba 102 or Engl 102 (3), Engl 250 (3), 200-level literature (6), modern/ancient language (9-12 with at least 6 at the 200 level and all in the same language), fine arts (3), history (6), Pol 101 (3), social science (3), 6 hours of math, 115 or higher, excluding MATH 245 and 246, natural science with lab (6-8), Spch 102 OR 105 (3), and Csci 103 OR 191 OR 192 (3). General electives are required to bring the total number of hours to 124.

All students must complete a minor.

## Course Requirements

This degree requires the following 42 credit hours of professional courses: LA 201, 204, 205, 303, 304, 305, 308, 401, 402, 405, 406, 490, 495, and an LA 3-hour elective.

