

# 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

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

An additional 21 hours is required in the following related subjects: 6 hours of history, POL 101 (3 hours), CSC1 103 or 191 (3 hours), 6 hours at the intermediate level (200 level) of the same modern or ancient language, and SPCH 102 or 105 (3 hours).

## Course Requirements

The B.P.S. degree requires the following 42 semester hours of LA courses: LA 201, 204, 205, 303, 304, 305, 308, 401, 402, 405, 406, 490, 495, and an LA 3-hour elective.

## Other Academic Requirements

All BPS majors must complete a minor selected by the student and approved by the student's academic advisor.

