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B.P.S. in Paralegal Studies 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 21 hours is required in the following related subjects: 3 hours of history, POL 101 (3 hours), CSCI 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, 402, 405, 406, 490, 495, and 12 hours of LA electives.

Other Academic Requirements

For majors in this field, a minimum grade of 2.5 must be maintained on all paralegal studies course work.

All BPS majors must complete a minor or second major selected by the student and approved by the student's academic adviser.

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Under this emphasis, the student's fourth-year requirements are satisfied by successfully completing first-year law school classes at the University of Mississippi School of Law. The student must meet the School of Law's requirements for admittance to this special program, which are established each year based on the previous year's data on the grade-point averages and (Law School Admission Test) scores for students admitted to the School of Law. A student who chooses this emphasis but does not meet those requirements must switch to one of the other emphases. No minor is required for this emphasis, but students will be encouraged to develop a minor-like concentration so they do not get caught short in the event they have to switch to the other emphasis, which requires a minor.

Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .
Engl 250	3	Complete Engl 250 with a passing grade.
Psy 201	3	Complete Psy 201 with a passing grade.
Soc 101	3	Complete Soc 101 with a passing grade.
3 hrs statistics course	3	Successfully complete a statistic course from the following list of courses: CJ 202 , Math 115 , Econ 230 , Bus 230 or Psy 202 .
3 hrs Arts Appreciation	3	Complete 3 hours in the area of fine or performing arts. Choose from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Acceptable freshman or sophomore-level courses are: AH 101 , AH 102 , AH 201 , AH 202 ; Music 101, Music 102, Music 103, Music 104, Music 105; Dance 200; and Theatre 201.
3 hrs literature 200+	3	Complete 3 hours of literature at the 200 level or higher with a passing grade.

General Education II

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Human biology lab	1	Successfully complete the accompanying human biology lab.
Human biology course	3	Successfully complete either Bisc 102 , Bisc 160 , Bisc 206 or Bisc 207 with a passing grade.

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REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Additional science lab	1	Successfully complete an additional science lab.
Additional science course	3	Complete an additional science course.
6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language.
Csci 103/191/192	3	Successfully complete one of the following courses: Csci 103 , Csci 191 , or Csci 192 .
Spch 102 or 105	3	Complete Spch 102 or Spch 105 with a passing grade.
3 hrs Math 121 or higher	3	Successfully complete Math 121 or a higher level math with a passing grade.
3 hrs humanities or Art Apprec	3	Successfully complete 3 credit hours in humanities chosen from the following areas: African American Studies (AAS 201 OR 202); Classics (CLC); ENVS 101 ; Gender Studies (G St 201, 202, or 301); Southern Studies (S ST 100 -level); History (HST), Literature (Eng 220-226); Philosophy (PHIL), Religion (REL), honors freshman seminar (if not used for composition) Fine Arts changes to Arts Appreciation
3 hrs history	3	Complete 3 hours in History coursework with a passing grade.
Pol 101	3	Complete Pol 101 with a passing grade.

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
LA 201	3	Complete LA 201 with a passing grade.
LA 204	3	Complete LA 204 with a passing grade.
LA 205	3	Complete LA 205 with a passing grade.
LA 303	3	Complete LA 303 with a passing grade.
LA 304	3	Complete LA 304 with a passing grade.
LA 402	3	Complete LA 402 with a passing grade.
LA 405	3	Complete LA 405 with a passing grade.
LA 406	3	Complete LA 406 with a passing grade.
LA 490	3	Complete LA 490 with a passing grade.
LA 495	3	Complete LA 495 with a passing grade.
12 hrs Paralegal Studies electives	12	Successfully complete an additional 12 credit hours in Paralegal Studies (LA).

