

Emphasis - Paralegal

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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 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.

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The paralegal emphasis will provide students with the experiences, knowledge, and skills for careers as paralegals.

Course Requirements

In addition to the 18-hour B.P.S. core, students who select the paralegal emphasis must complete the following 21 hours of LA course work:

- LA 440 Issues in Access to Justice
- LA 490 Advanced Seminar in Legal Studies
- LA electives (15 hours). LA 495 is strongly recommended.

Other Academic Requirements

All students in the paralegal emphasis must choose a minor. The legal studies minor will not be allowed for paralegal studies majors.

General electives may be needed to meet the degree requirement of 120 college credit hours.

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.

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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 .
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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Additional science lab	1	Successfully complete an additional science lab.
Additional science course	3	Complete an additional science course.
6 hrs modern/ancient language	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours in one modern or ancient language.
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.
Phil 103	3	Complete Phil 103 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 305	3	Complete LA 305 with a passing grade.
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LA 440	3	Complete LA 440 with a passing grade.
LA 490	3	Complete LA 490 with a passing grade.
15 hrs Paralegal Studies electives	15	Successfully complete an additional 15 credit hours in Paralegal Studies (LA). LA 495 is strongly recommended.

