

Paralegal Studies B.A./B.S.

The Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies is career-specific because it is designed to prepare people to work in support of attorneys. The program stresses the fundamentals of legal research, family law, probate, civil procedure, business organizations, law office management, real estate law, and constitutional law.

Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements (<https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>) 42

Required courses in the major *

PLGL 222	Introduction to Law	3
PLGL 223	Legal Research	3
PLGL 310	Law Office Management	3
PLGL 322	Civil Procedure	3
PLGL 426	Paralegal Internship	3
PLGL 427	Torts and Personal Injury Law	3

Paralegal Electives (15 semester hours from the following): 15

PLGL 311	Constitutional Law for Paralegals	
PLGL 312	Bankruptcy For Paralegals	
PLGL 321	Probate	
PLGL 323	Business Law for Paralegals	
PLGL 324	Criminal Law & Procedure	
PLGL 325	Family Law	
PLGL 328	Real Estate Law for Paralegals	

Choose BA or BS Option

(listed below) 45

Total Hours 120

BS ONLY (Non-Language)

Upper Level Political Science Courses, Excludes: PLGL 310, PLGL 311, PLGL 312, PLGL 321, PLGL 322, PLGL 323, PLGL 324, PLGL 325, PLGL 328, PLGL 426 and PLGL 427. 3

HIST 265	A Changing World: Global History	3
or HIST 305	World History to 17th Century	
or HIST 306	The Modern World	

Electives 6

Minor Required

Minimum 18 hours in the Minor 18

Additional Electives 15

Total Hours 45

BA ONLY (Language)

Language Requirement

12 hours of a foreign language* 12

Minor Required

Minimum 18 hours in the Minor 18

Additional Electives 15

Total Hours 45

* A declared Paralegal Studies Student must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all Paralegal Studies Major courses.

Note: In addition to fulfilling these requirements, students majoring in Paralegal Studies must submit a portfolio of their work in Paralegal Studies courses and complete a survey on their experiences in the program.

** Paralegal students must complete an internship of 160 hours. Students must contact the Program Director at least two months prior to the semester the student plans to participate in the internship. *PLGL 311, Constitutional Law for Paralegals, is not a legal specialty course for internship qualification purposes.*

Other information for First and Second Majors, Paralegal Studies Major

Courses in the Paralegal Studies Major are designated as:

- PS-R=required paralegal specialty course, PLGL 222, 223, 310, 322, 426, 427
- PS-E=elective paralegal specialty course, PLGL 312, 321, 323, 324, 325, 328
- NPS=non paralegal specialty course, PLGL 311

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENG 1301	College Reading & Writing	3
CID 1300 or CID 2301	The Student and The University or The Human Experience	3
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics	3
SPA 1311	Elementary Spanish I	3
HIST 1301	History of the United States through Reconstruction	3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENG 1302	Written Argument/Research	3
NON-SCIENCE MAJORS LIFE & PHYS.		3
DEGREE PATHWAY FROM CORE LIST		3
PSCI 2305	United States Government and Politics	3
SPA 1312	Elementary Spanish II	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
Humanities Course from CORE LIST		3
NON-SCIENCE MAJORS LIFE & PHYS.		3
PSCI 2306	Texas Government and Politics	3
SPA 2311	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SOC/BEHAV from CORE LIST		3
Hours		15
Spring		
SPA 2312	Intermediate Spanish II	3
CREATIVE ARTS		3
HIST 1302	History of the United States Since Reconstruction	3
PLGL 222	Introduction to Law	3
PLGL 223	Legal Research	3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
PLGL 310	Law Office Management	3
Paralegal Elective 1		3
Paralegal Elective 2		3
MINOR 1		3
MINOR 2		3
Hours		15
Spring		
PLGL 322	Civil Procedure	3
Paralegal Elective 3		3
Free Elective 1		3
MINOR 3		3
MINOR 4		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
PLGL 427	Torts and Personal Injury Law	3
Paralegal Elective 4		3
Paralegal Elective 5		3
MINOR 5		3

Free Elective 2		3
	Hours	15
Spring		
PLGL 426	Paralegal Internship	3
MINOR 6		3
Free Elective 3		3
Free Elective 4		3
Free Elective 5		3
	Hours	15
	Total Hours	120