

# PARALEGAL STUDIES

## PARALEGAL STUDIES WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE EMPHASIS - AAS DEGREE PLAN

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:** The A.A.S. Paralegal Studies with Criminal Justice Emphasis degree is designed to help prepare a person to perform duties requiring a knowledge of substantive and procedural law under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney, or to perform duties for government agencies, courts or other employers that benefit from the paralegal's ability to gather and organize information and to understand legal issues. The criminal justice emphasis allows the student to focus on criminal law and is specifically designed to help prepare the student for paralegal work in a law firm specializing in criminal defense, a public defender's office, a prosecutor's office, a probation department, court or other government agency that would benefit from the paralegal's knowledge of criminal law and procedure.

### FRESHMAN YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
LGLA 1301	Legal Research & Writing	3
LGLA 1313	Intro to Paralegal Studies	3
LGLA 1311	Intro to Law	3
CRIJ 1301 OR CJSA 1322	Intro - Criminal Justice OR Intro - Criminal Justice	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Fall Total Credit Hours		15

### FRESHMAN YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
LGLA 2307	Law Office Management	3
LGLA 2313 OR CRIJ 1310 OR CJSA 1327	Criminal Law & Procedure OR Fundamentals of Criminal Law OR Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
SPCH 1315 OR SPCH 1321	Public Speaking OR Business & Professional Communication	3
COSC 1301	Introduction to Computing	3
Spring Total Credit Hours		15

### SOPHOMORE YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
LGLA 1345	Civil Litigation	3
LGLA 1355	Family Law	3
MATH 1324 OR MATH 1332	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences OR Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning)	3
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
XXXX	Major Emphasis Elective	3

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
Fall Total Credit Hours		15

**SOPHOMORE YEAR - SPRING**

LGLA 2288: Capstone must be taken in the last semester.

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
LGLA 2331	Advanced Legal Research & Writing	3
LGLA 2335	Advanced Civil Litigation	3
LGLA 2388	Practicum	3
XXXX	Major Emphasis Elective	3
XXXX	Approved Language / Philosophy / Culture or Creative Arts	3
Spring Total Credit Hours		15
Program Total Credit Hours		60

**SOPHOMORE YEAR - APPROVED MAJOR EMPHASIS ELECTIVES**

CRCJ 1474 TYC Pre-Service Academy and CJCR 1166 Practicum-TYC/OJT will meet requirement for one elective.

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System	3
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America	3
CRIJ 2301	Community Resources In Corrections	3
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
LGLA 2303	Torts & Personal Injury Law	3
LGLA 1353	Wills, Trusts, & Probate Administration	3
LGLA 2309	Real Property	3
Approved Major Emphasis Electives		