

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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| Fall Total Credit Hours | | 15 |

SOPHOMORE YEAR - SPRING

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

| COURSE SECTION | COURSE TITLE | CREDIT HOURS |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | | |