ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

PARALEGAL STUDIES

The paralegal profession is one of the fastest growing job fields in the nation. Paralegals hold increasingly important and high paying positions at large and small law firms, corporate legal departments, government agencies, banks, real estate and insurance companies, nonprofit organizations, and Silicon Valley startups. Evergreen Valley College’s Paralegal Studies Program prepares graduates to work as a “paralegal” or “legal assistant” under California law (Business and Professions Code Section 6450). A student will qualify for an Associate in Arts degree by completing all core requirements with a grade of “C” or better in addition to the college's general education requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes:

• Demonstrate a proficient knowledge of the various areas of law and their importance.
• Describe the legal profession's basic ethical guidelines and apply them in hypothetical situations.
• Demonstrate effective legal research skills by selecting and utilizing appropriate sources of law.
• Prepare legal research memoranda and other documents commonly used by attorneys
• Use legal terminology capably in an appropriate context

Core Requirements:

LA 010  Introduction to Law, Legal Research, the Constitution, and Ethics  3.0
LA 071  Legal Research  3.0
LA 072  Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing  3.0

15 units of Legal Specialty Courses from the following list  15.0

LA 011  Overview of Contracts, Property, and Tort Law
LA 014  Civil Litigation
LA 016  California Courts and Litigation Practice
LA 033  Tort and Personal Injury Law
LA 036  Real Estate and Property Law
LA 038  Family Law
LA 040  Criminal Law
LA 042  Corporate and Partnership Law
LA 044  Intellectual Property Law
LA 046  Immigration Law
LA 050  Constitutional Law

Major Requirements  24.0
G.E. Requirements  39.0
Total Units  63.0

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