

PARALEGAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

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 degree by completing all core requirements with a grade of "C" or better in addition to the college's general education requirements. The Paralegal Studies Certificate requires students to complete 24 units of classes, preparing graduates for employment as paralegals or legal assistants.

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.

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Units
Core Requirements		
LA 010	Introduction to Law, Legal Research, the Constitution, and Ethics	3
LA 071	Legal Research	3
LA 072	Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing	3
Select 15 units of Legal Specialty Courses		15
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	

Total Requirements

Course	Title	Units
Major Requirements		24
G.E. Requirements		39
Total Units		63

