

PARALEGAL STUDIES

(CIP 22.0302)

Associate of Applied Science

The AAS in Paralegal Studies prepares students for careers as paralegals, assisting lawyers in law offices, corporate or government legal departments, non-profits and legal clinics. It can also serve as the first two years of study toward a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at many colleges and universities. Contact your transfer university for information. This program is excellent preparation for students who plan to attend law school.

Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in the program capstone course (LGLA 2388) in order to graduate.

The WCJC Paralegal Studies program is approved by the American Bar Association.

“Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.”

College Readiness Courses (if needed)

Semester I

ENGL 1301	Composition I
MATH 1314	College Algebra
LGLA 1313	Introduction to Paralegal Studies
LGLA 1303	Legal Research
LGLA 2303	Torts and Personal Injury Law

Semester II

ENGL 1302	Composition II
LGLA 1305	Legal Writing
LGLA 1345	Civil Litigation
LGLA 1359	Immigration Law
Social/Behavioral Sciences (excluding GOVT 2305, GOVT 2306) from the AAS General Education Course List	

Semester III

GOVT 2305	Federal Government
LGLA 1353	Wills, Trusts, and Probate Administration
LGLA 1355	Family Law
LGLA 2307	Law Office Management
Humanities/Fine Arts from the AAS General Education Course List	

Semester IV

GOVT 2306	Texas Government
LGLA 2309	Real Property
LGLA 2313	Criminal Law and Procedure
LGLA 1351	Contracts
LGLA 2388	Internship – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (Capstone Course)

Total Semester Hours – 60