

LITIGATION SPECIALIZATION - PARALEGAL STUDIES (LEGAL ASSISTING), ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Program Code: LGASLTG
Meta-Major: BUSN
Location(s): Melbourne
Delivery Method(s): On-Campus
Previous Degree Required: HS Diploma
Eligible for Financial Aid: Yes
Additional Limited Access Application Process Required: Yes
Program Testing Requirements: CPT - Common Placement Test (PERT, ACCUPLACER, SAT, ACT)
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 22.0302
Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 1722030200

Students can only select one major and one specialization. Students may receive a specific A.S./B.A.S. degree only one time. While students may take courses from multiple specializations, however, the degree will be awarded only once.

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Specialization Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education Courses		
ENC 1101	Composition 1	3
ENC 1102	Composition 2	3
POS 2041	American National Government	3
	Humanities Core Requirement	3
	Mathematics Core Requirement	3
	Natural Science Core Requirement	3
Major Courses		
PLA 1003	Introduction to the Paralegal Field and Legal System	3
PLA 1104	Legal Research	3
PLA 1114	Legal Writing	3
PLA 1611	Property Law	3
PLA 2203	Civil Procedure	3
PLA 2260	Evidence	3
PLA 2308	Criminal Procedure	3
PLA 2762	Law Office Procedures	3
PLA 2763	Law Office Management	3
PLA 2940	Paralegal Internship	4
Litigation Specialization		
Select nine credits from the following:		9
PLA 1465	Bankruptcy	
PLA 2273	Torts	
PLA 2304	Criminal Law	
PLA 2800	Family Law	
Support Courses		

Select two of the following:		6
CGS 2100	Microcomputer Applications	
MAT 1033	Intermediate Algebra	
SPC 2608	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	

Total Credit Hours 64

Notes:

- A grade of "C" or higher is necessary in each major course for progression and graduation. Only courses/credits with a grade of "C" or higher may be accepted for transfer (additional requirements may apply).
- Students are required to take a minimum of 10 credit hours of legal specialty courses in traditional format.
- At least 25% of the total credits for the degree must be earned at EFSC of which a minimum of 12 credit hours must be Paralegal Studies major courses.
- Not all courses are offered every semester and are subject to instructor availability. Courses may be cancelled by the college at any time.
- PLA courses have pre-requisites or co-requisites. PLA 2940 Paralegal Internship can only be taken the last full semester prior to graduation from Paralegal Studies Program.

Learning Outcomes: Paralegal Studies A.S.

1. Comprehend the differences in how state and federal laws are applied in the judicial branch
 - Core Ability Supported: Communicate Effectively
2. Analyze a court opinion, including all the key facts, issues, and rules of the case, and the conclusion of the court
 - Core Ability Supported: Process Information
3. Demonstrate professional behavior consistent with employer expectations for paralegal
 - Core Ability Supported: Model Ethic & Civil Responsibility
4. Assess management of the client funds trust accounts
 - Core Ability Supported: Process Information
5. Analyze Federal Rules of Evidence and Florida Rules of Evidence
 - Core Ability Supported: Think Critically & Solve Problems
6. Compose pretrial motion using hypothetical fact pattern
 - Core Ability Supported: Process Information
7. Write a responsive pleading
 - Core Ability Supported: Communicate Effectively
8. Describe various ways easements are created and terminated
 - Core Ability Supported: Think Critically and Solve Problems