

# PARALEGAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

## NMSU Alamogordo 2026-2027 Catalog

PL S courses, even with the same title, will not replace or substitute for Criminal Justice courses on the Criminal Justice degree plan.

A grade of C- or better is required in all courses.

## Total Credits Required for the Degree: 60

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>Select one course from four of the following six content areas for a total of 12-14 credits.</i> <sup>1,2</sup>		12-14
This degree requires courses from Areas I, IV, and V; students must select one other course from the remaining areas to complete General Education requirements.		
Area I: Communications		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
Area II: Mathematics		
Area III: Laboratory Science		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
POLS 1120G	American National Government	
Area V: Humanities		
Choose one from the following:		
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts		
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
<b>Program Requirements</b>		
ACCT 2110	Principles of Accounting I	3
BCIS 2221	MS Word®II	3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
PL S 160	Legal System for the Paralegal	3
PL S 190	Criminal Law for the Paralegal	3
or CJUS 1120	Criminal Law	
PL S 200	Legal Ethics for the Paralegal	3
PL S 221	Internship I <sup>3</sup>	2-4
PL S 231	The Law of Commerce for the Paralegal	3
PL S 274	Legal Research and Writing for the Paralegal I	3
PL S 275	Tort and Insurance for the Paralegal	3
or PL S 276	Wills, Trusts, and Probate for the Paralegal	
PL S 278	Litigation for the Paralegal	3
PL S 279	Legal Research and Writing for the Paralegal II	3

Choose one from the following: 3

BUSA 2230G Human Relations in Business

PSYC 1110G Introduction to Psychology

SOCI 1110G Introduction to Sociology

### Paralegal Electives

Select from the following: 6

CJUS 2120 Criminal Courts and Procedure

PL S 203 Immigration Law

PL S 222 Internship II<sup>3</sup>

PL S 277 Family Law for the Paralegal

**Total Credits 60**

<sup>1</sup> Each course selected must be from a different area and students cannot take multiple courses in the same area.

<sup>2</sup> See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.

<sup>3</sup> A maximum of 6 credits of PL S 221 or PL S 222 may be applied toward a degree.