

PARALEGAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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A Suggested Plan of Study - Paralegal Studies

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

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

First Year

Fall		Credits
ACCT 2110	Principles of Accounting I	3
COMM 1130G or COMM 1115G	Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
PL S 160	Legal System for the Paralegal	3
POLS 1120G	American National Government	3
Credits		16

Spring

BCIS 2221	MS Word@II	3
PL S 190 or CJUS 1120	Criminal Law for the Paralegal ² or Criminal Law	3
PL S 200	Legal Ethics for the Paralegal	3
Select one course from Area II, III, or VI ¹		3-4
Select one from the following:		3
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
Credits		15

Second Year

Fall		Credits
PL S 221	Internship I	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 or PL S 276	Tort and Insurance for the Paralegal or Wills, Trusts, and Probate for the Paralegal	3
Elective Course - Select one from the following:		3
CJUS 2120	Criminal Courts and Procedure	
PL S 203	Immigration Law	
PL S 222	Internship II	
PL S 277	Family Law for the Paralegal	
Credits		14

Spring

ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
PL S 278	Litigation for the Paralegal	3
PL S 279	Legal Research and Writing for the Paralegal II	3
Select one from the following:		3

BUSA 2230G	Human Relations in Business	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	
Elective Course - Select one from the following (one not already used):		3
CJUS 2120	Criminal Courts and Procedure	
PL S 203	Immigration Law	
PL S 222	Internship II	
PL S 277	Family Law for the Paralegal	
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

¹ 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.

² CJUS 1120 Criminal Law offered in Fall semester only.