

Paralegal Studies (grid only)

Course Sequence:

Semester 1

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
ENGL 101 - English Composition I		3 credits	Writing/Research/Info Lit 1
FNMT 118 - Intermediate Algebra or MATH 121 - Computer Mathematics and Logic or MATH 137 - Geometry for Design or MATH 150 - Introductory Data Analysis	For FNMT 118, MATH 121, MATH 137, and MATH 150: FNMT 017 or FNMT 019 completed or FNMT 118 (or higher) placement	3 credits	Quantitative Reasoning
PLS 101 - Introduction to Paralegal Studies		3 credits	
CIS 103 - Computer Applications & Concepts		3 credits	Technological Competency
ANTH 112 - Cultural Anthropology or HIST 103 - History: the 20th Century and Beyond		3 credits	Cultural Analysis and Interpretation

Semester 2

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
ENGL 102 - The Research Paper	ENGL 101 with a grade of "C" or better	3 credits	Writing/Research/Info Lit 2
PLS 111 - Legal Research and Writing I	PLS 101	3 credits	
PLS 115 - Legal Technology	CIS 103 & PLS 101	3 credits	

EASC 111 - Environmental Conservation or BIOL 106 - General Biology I or BIOL 104 - Forensic Biology		3 or 4 credits	Scientific Reasoning
PLS 121 - Civil Litigation I	PLS 101	3 credits	

Semester 3

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
JUS 171 - Juvenile Justice or POLS 111 - American Government or World Language		3 credits	
ENGL 116 - Interpersonal Communication or ENGL 117 - Group and Team Communication or ENGL 118 - Intercultural Communication	ENGL 101, which may be taken concurrently	3 credits	Oral Communication/ Creative Expression
PLS 211 - Legal Research and Writing II	PLS 111 , ENGL 102	3 credits	
Concentration Course – Select one from the list below **		3 credits	
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Semester 4

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
Choose two: DF 101 - Introduction to Digital Forensics (for students interested in e-discovery proficiency certificate); or PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101 - Introduction to		6 credits	Directed Elective

Sociology or ENGL 190 - Introduction to Literature or ENGL 205 - Creative Writing			
Concentration Elective – Select one from the list below **		3 credits	
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Minimum Credits Needed to Graduate: 60

Courses and Completion Sequence

The following courses and sequence of courses is designed for the optimal success and completion of the [Paralegal Studies](#) degree/certificate. Any alterations should be discussed with your academic advisor.

Semester 1

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ENGL 101 - English Composition I	3 credits	Fulfills Writing, Research, Info Lit 1 requirement
In consultation with advisor, select one of the following: FNMT 118 - Intermediate Algebra or MATH 121 - Computer Mathematics and Logic or MATH 137 - Geometry for Design or MATH 150 - Introductory Data Analysis	3 credits	Fulfills Quantitative Reasoning requirement Must be FNMT 118 ready

Course Number and Name	Credits	Advisory Notes
PLS 101 - Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3 credits	PLS 101, along with PLS 121 and DF 101 (select as a general elective) will enable students to also earn the Proficiency Certificate in E-discovery.
CIS 103 - Computer Applications & Concepts	3 credits	Fulfills Technological Competency requirement
ANTH 112 - Cultural Anthropology or HIST 103 - History: the 20th Century and Beyond	3 credits	Fulfills Cultural Analysis & Interpretation requirement

Students earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all courses and minimum GPA of 2.5 in major courses.

Student interested in transfer options should meet with Paralegal faculty. Participation in the Criminal Justice, Paralegal and Social Science Career Fair is encouraged.

Participation in networking and service learning opportunities offered by the Fox Rothschild Center for Law and Society is encouraged.

Semester 2

Course Number and Name	Credits	Advisory Notes
ENGL 102 - The Research Paper	3 credits	Fulfills Writing, Research, Info Lit 2 requirement
PLS 111 - Legal Research and Writing I	3 credits	
PLS 115 - Legal Technology	3 credits	
EASC 111 - Environmental Conservation or BIOL 106 - General Biology I or BIOL 104 - Forensic Biology	3 or 4 credits	Fulfills Scientific Reasoning requirement

Course Number and Name	Credits	Advisory Notes
PLS 121 - Civil Litigation I	3 credits	Note that PLS 101, along with PLS 121 and DF 101 (select as a general elective) will enable students to also earn the proficiency certificate in E-discovery also.

Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA overall, which will enable them to take an internship their last semester.

Students connect with the program's career assistance services and develop their first Paralegal resume.

Service learning and networking opportunities are provided through the Fox Rothschild Center for Law and Society. Students have the opportunity to hear from and meet legal professionals each spring during Law and Society Week.

Semester 3

Course Number and Name	Credits	Advisory Notes
Choose two PLS electives: PLS 215 - eDiscovery PLS 221 - Civil Litigation II PLS 231 - Family Law PLS 241 - Tort Law JUS 241 - Criminal Law PLS 251 - Real Estate Law PLS 255 - Business Organizations PLS 261 - Wills, Trusts & Estates PLS 275 - Employment Law PLS 281 - Environmental Law PLS 285 - Immigration Law PLS 295 - Legal Internship	6 credits	Please see the catalog for course prerequisites
ENGL 116 - Interpersonal Communication or ENGL 117 - Group and Team Communication or ENGL 118 - Intercultural Communication	3 credits	Fulfills Oral Communication/Creative Expression requirement

Course Number and Name	Credits	Advisory Notes
PLS 211 - Legal Research and Writing II	3 credits	
JUS 171 - Juvenile Justice or POLS 111 - American Government or World Language	3 credits	

Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA overall, which will enable them to take an internship their last semester.

Students connect with the program's career assistance services and develop their first Paralegal resume. Students receive weekly job listings and other program notices.

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Semester 4

Course Number and Name	Credits	Advisory Notes
<p>In consultation with advisor, select two:</p> <p>DF 101 - Introduction to Digital Forensics (for students interested in e-discovery proficiency certificate) or PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology or ENGL 190 - Introduction to Literature or ENGL 205 - Creative Writing</p>	6 credits	
<p>Choose three PLS electives:</p> <p>PLS 215 - eDiscovery PLS 221 - Civil Litigation II PLS 231 - Family Law PLS 241 - Tort Law JUS 241 - Criminal Law PLS 251 - Real Estate Law PLS 255 - Business Organizations PLS 261 - Wills, Trusts & Estates PLS 275 - Employment Law PLS 281 - Environmental Law PLS 285 - Immigration Law PLS 295 - Legal Internship</p>	9 credits	Please see the catalog for course prerequisites

Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA overall.

Students complete a professional resume, either in the PLS 295, Legal Internship or with the assistance of the Paralegal faculty and Career Staff.

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