



Paralegal Studies

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts

Requirements for the Major: 34 credits

The major in Paralegal Studies is designed for students with paralegal training who are seeking a baccalaureate degree in order to expand their knowledge in business and organizational skills while further developing their expertise in the areas of Business and Human Resource Management or Criminal Justice. The core courses provide a foundation for students to develop additional expertise in a specific concentration and the major combines professional development with a liberal arts curriculum. This program is designed to prepare graduates for positions in law firms, legal departments of corporations, insurance companies, government agencies, community legal service programs, juvenile justice organizations, corrections, office management, human resource management, or law school.

Prerequisites for courses for the major:

Completion of an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. or other appropriate degrees for Paralegal or Legal Assistant Program's requirements (or in process). These courses will not be counted in computing the GPA for the major.

Requirements for the Major:

34 semester credits including a common Paralegal Studies core of 16 credits and 18 additional credit hours in one of two concentrations: Business and Human Resource Management or Criminal Justice.

Paralegal Studies Common Core				Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills					
				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	BSAD 202	Entrepreneurship and Business Fundamentals	3						
	Any subject 399 (prerequisites and outcomes may vary by subject)	Internship	3						
	ENGL 309	Writing for Business	3		x	x	x		
	BSAD/SOCS 410	Organizational Behavior	3						
	INTS 422	Inclusive Workplace and Leadership	3					x	x
	INTS 450	Capstone Project	1	x	x	x			
	Verified completion of associate's degree in paralegal studies or legal assistant								

Students must also complete an 18 credit concentration from the following choices:

Business and Human Resource Management Concentration:				Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills					
				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
	ACCT 211	Financial Accounting	3						
	BSAD 310	Principles of Management	3						
	BSAD 375	Human Resource Management	3						
	Take 9 credits from:								
	BSAD 377	Staffing, Training, and Development	3						
	BSAD 407	Compensation and Benefits	3						
	BSAD 408	Employment Law and Labor Relations	3						
	BSAD 430	Special Topics (as approved)	3						

This information must be used in conjunction with the 2024-2025 Grand View University Catalog and does not reflect a student's official record of progress. Students are expected to use the Progress tool found on myGVU >Tools > My Academics > 'Plan and register for courses' to monitor and plan coursework. Other available resources include: Course Planning Documents (found on myGVU under Academics and Advising Resources) and the faculty and staff who work with academic requirements.

Essential Competencies-Outcome Skills

****Transfer courses do not receive outcome skills****

Criminal Justice Concentration:

				IL	W	O	Q	IC	V
SOCS 318	Criminological Theory	3				x			
SOCS 347	Criminal Law and Procedures	3							
SOCS 420	Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation	3				x			
PSYC/SOCS 362	Forensic Socio-Psychology	3				x			
6 credits from:									
SOCS 375	Homeland Security and Law Enforcement	3							
SOCS 315	Social Problems	3	x	x					
SOCS 360	Police and Society	3							
SOCS 340	Juvenile Justice and Gangs	3							

These courses will be counted in computing the 2.2 GPA required for the major.