

Paralegal

Paralegal (PAR)

Note: The Paralegal degree has been submitted for review and approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Students are not currently being admitted to this program.

The Paralegal degree program prepares students to become Paralegals, also known as Legal Assistants. While earning an Associate of Applied Business degree, students gain knowledge and skills required to assist attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals in many legal practice settings. Students learn to investigate facts, conduct research on legal issues, interview clients, organize and evaluate case materials, draft legal documents, and communicate effectively with legal professionals. Students also gain knowledge of substantive and procedural law, concentrating on the most prevalent areas of legal practice, as well as understanding of legal office procedures, time management and organizational skills. Cooperative education experience provides practical hands-on training to help students launch their paralegal career.

Paralegal Certificate (LAW)

The Paralegal Certificate program at Cincinnati State prepares students for careers in the legal profession in three key employment areas: employees of attorneys (the dominant category), self-employed individuals who work for attorneys, and self-employed individuals who provide their services directly to the public with attorney supervision. Students learn substantive and procedural law, concentrating on the most prevalent areas of legal practice, as well as general civil and criminal litigation practice. Students earning the Legal Administrative Assistant associate's degree may wish to add the Paralegal Certificate to enhance their studies.

For more information, please contact the Business Technologies Division at (513) 569-1620.

Paralegal (PAR.AAB)

First Year

Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition 1 (G)	3	0	3
IM 165	Legal Office Environment (B)	3	0	3
LAW 101	Business Law (B)	3	0	3
FYE 1XX First Year Experience Elective (B)		1	0	1
IM 11X Computer Elective (B)		2	2	3
MAT 1XX Mathematics Elective (G)		3	0	3
Semester 2				
BUS 190	Professional Practices (B)	1	0	1
ENG 105	English Composition 2: Business Communication (G)	3	0	3
IM 130	Electronic Word Processing: Microsoft Word (T)	2	3	3
LAW 130	Family and Probate Law (T)	3	0	3
XXX XXX Legal Specialty Elective 1 (T)		3	0	3
Semester 3				
LAW 291	Full-Time Cooperative Education 1: Legal Assistant (T)	1	40	2
XXX XXX Management/Marketing Elective (B)		3	0	3
Semester 4				
ACC 101	Financial Accounting (B)	2	2	3
CRJ 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice (G)	3	0	3

IM 225	Legal Transcription and Formatting (T)	2	3	3
LAW 120	Legal Research and Writing (T)	2	2	3
XXX XXX Legal Specialty Elective 2 (T)		3	0	3
Semester 5				
LAW 292	Full-Time Cooperative Education 2: Legal Assistant (T)	1	40	2
Semester 6				
LAW 210	Litigation (T)	2	2	3
LAW 290	Paralegal Capstone (T)	2	3	3
XXX XXX Legal Specialty Elective 3 (T)		3	0	3
XXX XXX Arts/Humanities Elective (G)		3	0	3
Total Credits:		54	97	63

Electives

First Year Experience Elective

FYE 100	College Survival Skills	1
FYE 105	College Success Strategies	2
FYE 110	Community College Experience	3

Computer Elective

IM 111	Computer Applications 1	3
IM 112	Computer Applications 2	3

Mathematics Elective

MAT 111	Business Mathematics	3
MAT 115	Pre-Statistics	3
MAT 131	Statistics 1	3
MAT 151	College Algebra	4

Management/Marketing Elective

MGT 101	Principles of Management	3
MGT 105	Human Resource Management	3
MGT 120	Entrepreneurship	3
MGT 130	Project Management	3
MKT 101	Principles of Marketing *	3
MKT 110	Sales and Customer Relations	3

Legal Specialty Elective (nine credit hours required)

ACC 115	Accounting Software Applications: Sage (Peachtree)	1
ACC 121	Computerized Bookkeeping: QuickBooks 1	1
ACC 122	Computerized Bookkeeping: QuickBooks 2	1
CRJ 135	Criminal Law	3
HIM 105	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	2
IM 120	Electronic Spreadsheets: Microsoft Excel	3
IM 135	Business Document Formatting	3
IM 150	Electronic Presentations: Microsoft PowerPoint	3
IM 155	Emerging Technologies and Social Media	3
ITP 130	Legal Issues of Deafness	1
LAW 110	Employment Law	3
LAW 140	Copyright and Trademark Law in Entertainment Industries	3

LAW 150	Bankruptcy, Debt Collection and Secured Transactions	3
LAW 160	Administrative Law Practices and Procedures	3
LBR 105	Introduction to Labor and Employee Relations	3
NDR 100	Introduction to Negotiation and Dispute Resolution	3
RE 105	Real Estate Law	3

Arts/Humanities Elective

Any Transfer Module course from ART, LIT, MUS, PHI, REL, THE, or COMM 130	3
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* Has a corequisite of ECO 105

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Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Credits
LAW 101	Business Law	3	0	3
IM 130	Electronic Word Processing: Microsoft Word	2	3	3
IM 165	Legal Office Environment	3	0	3
XXX XXX Technical Elective 1		3	0	3
XXX XXX Technical Elective 2		3	0	3
Semester 2				
LAW 120	Legal Research and Writing	3	0	3
LAW 130	Family and Probate Law	3	0	3
LAW 210	Litigation	3	0	3
IM 225	Legal Transcription and Formatting	2	3	3
LAW 290	Paralegal Capstone	3	0	3
Total Credits:		28	6	30

Electives**Technical Electives (six credit hours required)**

ACC 115	Accounting Software Applications: Sage (Peachtree)	2
ACC 121	Computerized Bookkeeping: QuickBooks 1	2
ACC 122	Computerized Bookkeeping: QuickBooks 2	2
ACC 175	Federal Taxation: Individuals	3
ACC 180	Federal Taxation: Business	3
CRJ 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 110	Introduction to Policing	3
CRJ 115	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ 120	Introduction to Courts	3
CRJ 125	Criminology	3
CRJ 130	Criminal Investigation Skills	3
CRJ 135	Criminal Law	3
HIM 105	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	2
IM 120	Electronic Spreadsheets: Microsoft Excel	3
IM 135	Business Document Formatting	3
IM 140	Electronic Database Management: Microsoft Access	3
IM 145	Document Proofreading and Editing	3
IM 150	Electronic Presentations: Microsoft PowerPoint	3
IM 155	Emerging Technologies and Social Media	3
ITP 130	Legal Issues of Deafness	1
LAW 110	Employment Law	3
LAW 140	Copyright and Trademark Law in Entertainment Industries	3

LAW 150	Bankruptcy, Debt Collection and Secured Transactions	3
LBR 105	Introduction to Labor and Employee Relations	3
RE 105	Real Estate Law	3

Faculty

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Courses

LAW 101 Business Law

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on the legal environment in which businesses operate.

Prerequisites: AFL 080 or appropriate placement test score

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LAW 110 Employment Law

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on major federal laws regarding employment rights, and responsibilities of the employer and employee. Topics include: public policy and processes related to hiring, work environment, and resignation and termination; and recent trends in employment law.

Prerequisites: AFL 080 or appropriate placement test score

LAW 120 Legal Research and Writing

3 Credits. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.

A course on concepts and techniques for conducting legal research and composing legal documents. Topics include: research purposes and uses; citation procedure and format; computer research tools including LEXIS; and writing materials such as briefs, pleadings, memorandums, motions, and discovery documents. Students must attend field trips and work with a law clinic offering services to clients.

Prerequisites: LAW 101, and AFL 085 or appropriate placement test score

LAW 130 Family and Probate Law

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on concepts and processes of family and probate law. Topics include: marriage, dissolution, divorce, and prenuptial agreements; child custody, visitation, and support; adoption and guardianship; juvenile law; and trusts and estate administration.

Prerequisites: AFL 085 and LAW 101

LAW 140 Copyright and Trademark Law in Entertainment Industries

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on concepts and processes used to protect intellectual property in entertainment industries. Topics include: representing creative talent; business and personality interests; licensing; copyright; and legal concerns in music publishing, sound recording, literary publishing, and film and television.

Prerequisites: LAW 101

LAW 150 Bankruptcy, Debt Collection and Secured Transactions

3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on the bankruptcy code and the bankruptcy process from debtor and creditor perspectives. Topics include: filing Chapter 7, 13, and 11 bankruptcies; individual and business liquidation and reorganization plans; and secured transactions including mortgages and other liens.

Prerequisites: LAW 101

LAW 160 Administrative Law Practices and Procedures

2 Credits. 1 Lecture Hour. 2 Lab Hours.

A course on forms, procedures, and case management methods used in administrative agencies. Topics include: intake, claim filing, processing, and handling appeals to Social Security, Unemployment, Worker's Compensation and other State and Federal agencies. Students must attend field trips and work with a law clinic offering services to clients.

Prerequisites: LAW 101

LAW 191 Part-Time Cooperative Education 1: Legal Assistant**1 Credit. 1 Lecture Hour. 20 Lab Hours.**

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their first part-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students are expected to register for academic courses during the same semester. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: BUS 190

LAW 192 Part-Time Cooperative Education 2: Legal Assistant**1 Credit. 1 Lecture Hour. 20 Lab Hours.**

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their second part-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students are expected to register for academic courses during the same semester. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 191

LAW 193 Part-Time Cooperative Education 3: Legal Assistant**1 Credit. 1 Lecture Hour. 20 Lab Hours.**

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their third part-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students are expected to register for academic courses during the same semester. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 192

LAW 194 Part-Time Cooperative Education 4: Legal Assistant**1 Credit. 1 Lecture Hour. 20 Lab Hours.**

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their fourth part-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students are expected to register for academic courses during the same semester. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 193

LAW 195 Part-Time Cooperative Education 5: Legal Assistant**1 Credit. 1 Lecture Hour. 20 Lab Hours.**

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their fifth part-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students are expected to register for academic courses during the same semester. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 194

LAW 196 Part-Time Cooperative Education 6: Legal Assistant**1 Credit. 1 Lecture Hour. 20 Lab Hours.**

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their sixth part-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students are expected to register for academic courses during the same semester. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 195

LAW 198 First Year Special Topics in Law**1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.**

A course on selected topics related to Law, which gives students opportunities to study information not currently covered in other courses. Grades issued are A, B, C, D, or F.

Prerequisites: Vary by section

LAW 199 First Year Independent Project in Law**1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.**

A project related to Law that is completed by one or more students to meet specific educational goals. Projects must have prior approval and supervision by Law faculty. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: Vary by section

LAW 210 Litigation**3 Credits. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.**

A course on concepts and processes of criminal and civil litigation. Topics include: parties to lawsuits, pleadings, motion practice, Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, discovery, trial judgments, and alternative dispute resolution. Students must attend field trips and work with a law clinic offering services to clients.

Prerequisites: LAW 101

LAW 290 Paralegal Capstone**3 Credits. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hour.**

Students use knowledge and skills gained in previous courses to complete a project related to the duties of the paralegal.

Prerequisites: IM 225 and LAW 120 (minimum grade C for both)

LAW 291 Full-Time Cooperative Education 1: Legal Assistant

2 Credits. 1 Lecture Hour. 40 Lab Hours.

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their first full-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: BUS 190

LAW 292 Full-Time Cooperative Education 2: Legal Assistant

2 Credits. 1 Lecture Hour. 40 Lab Hours.

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their second full-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 291

LAW 293 Full-Time Cooperative Education 3: Legal Assistant

2 Credits. 1 Lecture Hour. 40 Lab Hours.

Students seeking an associate's degree participate in their third full-time field learning experience related to their degree. Students must follow cooperative education policies and procedures to earn credit. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: LAW 292

LAW 298 Second Year Special Topics in Law

1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.

A course on selected topics related to Law, which gives students opportunities to study information not currently covered in other courses. Grades issued are A, B, C, D, or F.

Prerequisites: Vary by section

LAW 299 Second Year Independent Project in Law

1-9 Credits. 0 Lecture Hour. 0 Lab Hour.

A project related to Law that is completed by one or more students to meet specific educational goals. Projects must have prior approval and supervision by Law faculty. Grades issued are Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Prerequisites: Vary by section