

POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.) PARALEGAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

The Paralegal Studies Concentration is an online concentration that provides a pathway for aspiring paralegals and will complement the Legal Studies Concentration. Many students can use this concentration as a pathway to work in the legal profession, while others can use the certificate as a pathway to law school. Paralegal Studies introduce students to terminology, ideas, and skills related to law and the legal profession. The curriculum is designed to enhance student readiness for employment as a paralegal or administrative professional. The courses within the curriculum assist students in developing the necessary skills to perform in government or private businesses efficiently and effectively.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PS 134	INTRO TO POLIT SCIENCE	3
PS 135	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	3
PS 136	STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
PS 236	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PS 238	INTRO TO COMPAR POLITICS	3
PS 320	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING	3
PS 341	African American Politics	3
PS 343	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3
PS 347	Judicial Politics	3
PS 351	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	3
PS 432	INTRODUCTION TO LAW I	3
PS 446	SCOPE AND METHODS	3
PS 447	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	3
PS 450	URBAN POLITICS	3
PS 484	INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	3
PS 490	Computer-Assisted Research in the Legal Environment	3
PS 491	Law Office Management and Technology	3
PS 492	Trial Preparation	3
PS 493	eDiscovery for Paralegals	3
PS 494	Paralegal Internship	3

Total Hours 60

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENG 104 or ENG 103 or ENG 111	COMPOSITION I or English Composition I with Co-requisite Support or COMPOSITION & LITERATURE FOR L	3
HIST 201	UNITED STATES HISTORY I	3
PS 134	INTRO TO POLIT SCIENCE	3
UNIV 100	UNIVERSITY SUCCESS	2
Mathematics Option		3
Natural Science Option		3
Hours		17
Spring		
ENG 105 or ENG 112	COMPOSITION II or COMPOSITION	3

HIST 202	UNITED STATES HISTORY II	3
PS 135	AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	3
Social & Behavioral Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3

Hours 15

Sophomore

Fall		
PS 136	STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
PS 238	INTRO TO COMPAR POLITICS	3
Natural Science Option		3
Social & Behavioral Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3

Hours 15

Spring

GEOG 105	INTRO TO CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY	3
UNIV 200	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	1
Speech Option		3
Humanities & Fine Arts Option		3
Pathway Option		3
General Elective		3

Hours 16

Junior

Fall		
ECO 211	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS	3
PS 236	POLITICAL STATISTICS	3
PS 320	LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING	3
PS 347	Judicial Politics	3
PS 432	INTRODUCTION TO LAW I	3

Hours 15

Spring

ECO 212	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS	3
PS 341	African American Politics	3
PS 343	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3
PS 446	SCOPE AND METHODS	3
PS 490	Computer-Assisted Research in the Legal Environment	3
PS 492	Trial Preparation	3

Hours 18

Senior

Fall		
PS 351	THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY	3
PS 447	SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR	3
PS 484	INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	3
PS 491	Law Office Management and Technology	3

Hours 12

Spring

PS 450	URBAN POLITICS	3
PS 493	eDiscovery for Paralegals	3
PS 494	Paralegal Internship	3
Philosophy Option		3

Hours 12

Total Hours 120

Notes:

- Candidates that transfer 12 or more hours of college credit are exempt from UNIV 100 UNIVERSITY SUCCESS; however, the student must take 2 hours of general electives to replace the UNIV course.
- Online Graduation Clearance (to be completed during the graduating semester only).

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn how national, state, local, and international governments operate in a democracy.
- Students will learn about the principles of state and local governments in the democratic system.
- Students will learn the fundamentals of state, local, and international governments