

BS IN LEGAL AND PARALEGAL STUDIES

The University of Toledo offers a bachelor of science degree in legal and paralegal studies. The degree requires 120 credit hours for graduation. A dynamic field of study, the program in legal and paralegal studies prepares students to be an integral part of the legal team, working under the supervision and direction of attorneys. Paralegals assist attorneys by conducting interviews and investigations, researching cases, drafting legal documents, and assisting at real estate closings, depositions and trials. The baccalaureate degree program holds prestigious American Bar Association approval.

The degree program includes academic course work and practical experiences designed to develop the knowledge, critical thinking and communication skills necessary for contributing to the legal profession. All of the program faculty are licensed attorneys, judges and magistrates and are available for career advising.

Pre-law studies

No particular degree is required for admission to law school. Successful law students must possess good communication, logic and analytical skills, and have a fundamental understanding of the legal system. The legal and paralegal studies program provides students with an excellent pre-law program by teaching those important skills. Graduates with a baccalaureate degree in legal and paralegal studies who meet certain criteria will receive guaranteed admission to The University of Toledo College of Law. Contact the program office at 419.530.7746 for more information.

Code	Title	Hours
LGL 1010	Introduction To Law	3
LGL 1150	Tort Law	3
LGL 1160	Legal Research, Writing And Case Analysis	3
LGL 1720	Law Practice Management	3
LGL 2020	Civil Procedure	3
LGL 2110	Estate & Probate Administration	3
LGL 2120	Real Estate Transactions	3
LGL 2130	Family Law	3
LGL 2210	Practices And Procedures In Administrative Law	3
LGL 2700	Advocacy: Mock Trial	3
LGL 2940	Legal Assisting Internship	3
LGL 3010	Law Of Business Associations	3
LGL 3030	Advanced Legal Research & Writing	3
LGL 3050	Bankruptcy Practices & Consumer Applications	3
LGL 3330	Litigation	3
LGL 4030	Contract Law	3
LGL 4130	Clinic Experience	3
LGL 4940	Advanced Paralegal Internship	3
Four LGL Electives (see list of options)		10
CMPT-Computer Science Elective		3
ACTG 1040 or BUAD 2040	Principles Of Financial Accounting or Financial Accounting Information	3

OPR-Elective-General Elective		10
ENGL 1110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 1130	College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse	3
Diversity Non-US		3
Diversity US		3
Art/Humanities Core		6
Natural Science Core		3
Natural Science Core Laboratory		1
Social Sciences Core		3
Math Elective-Math for Liberal Arts or College Algebra		3
Core Electives		9
Philosophy (3-4000 level)		3
Total Hours		120

Below is a sample plan of study. Consult your degree audit for your program requirements.

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First Term		Hours
ENGL 1110	College Composition I	3
HHS 1000	Health And Human Services/College Orientation	1
LGL 1010	Introduction To Law	3
LGL 1720	Law Practice Management	3
LGL 2120	Real Estate Transactions	3
MATH 1180	Reasoning With Mathematics	3
Hours		16
Second Term		
BUAD 1020 or CMPT 1100	Micro-Computer Applications In Business or Microsoft Office Applications	3
ENGL 1130	College Composition II: Academic Disciplines And Discourse	3
LGL 1150	Tort Law	3
LGL 1160	Legal Research, Writing And Case Analysis	3
Social Sciences Core		3
Hours		15
Third Term		
BUAD 2040 or ACTG 1040	Financial Accounting Information or Principles Of Financial Accounting	3
LGL 2020	Civil Procedure	3
LGL 2130	Family Law	3
LGL 2700	Advocacy: Mock Trial	3
Social Sciences Core		3
Hours		15
Fourth Term		
LGL 2110	Estate & Probate Administration	3
LGL 2210	Practices And Procedures In Administrative Law	3
PHIL 1020	Critical Thinking	3
Arts/Humanities Core		3

Core Elective (2000-level)	3
Hours	15
Fifth Term	
LGL 3030 Advanced Legal Research & Writing	3
LGL 3050 Bankruptcy Practices & Consumer Applications	3
Legal Specialties Option Elective ¹	3
Natural Sciences Core	3
Natural Sciences Core Laboratory	1
PHIL 3000/4000 Philosophy Elective	3
Hours	16
Sixth Term	
LGL 3010 Law Of Business Associations	3
LGL 3330 Litigation	3
LGL 4130 Clinic Experience	3
Legal Specialties Option Elective ¹	3
Natural Sciences Core	3
Hours	15
Seventh Term	
LGL 4030 Contract Law	3
Legal Specialties Option Elective ¹	3
PHIL 3000/4000 Philosophy Elective	3
Core Elective (2000-level)	3
Non-US Diversity	3
Hours	15
Eighth Term	
LGL 4940 Advanced Paralegal Internship	3
Legal Specialties Option Elective ¹	3
Core Elective (2000-level)	3
Diversity of US	3
Elective (2000-level)	1
Hours	13
Total Hours	120

- PLO 7. Develop critical thinking skills and learn to express legal concepts clearly and briefly by adherence to the rudiments of successful legal writing: precision, conciseness, simplicity, and clarity.

¹ At least two Legal Specialties Option Electives must be upper-level.

- PLO 1. Research legal issues and prepare motions, briefs and pleadings and other legal documents.
- PLO 2. Identify, give examples of and interpret ethics issues relative to the practice of law.
- PLO 3. Demonstrate competence in legal issues involving personal injury, medical malpractice, workers compensation, wrongful death, and social security.
- PLO 4. Formulate legal arguments produce opening statements, direct and cross examinations and closing arguments;
- PLO 5. Develop the student s organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills which will enhance the student s ability to contribute to the student s legal environment upon graduation.
- PLO 6. Illustrate a broad understanding of legal concepts in a variety of substantive areas