

# DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AND PARA LEGAL STUDIES

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## Accreditation

- The Legal and Paralegal Studies program maintains approval from the American Bar Association (ABA).
- Associate of Applied Science in Legal and Paralegal Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/arts-social-sciences-education/legal-and-paralegal-studies/aas-paralegal-studies/>)
- BS in Legal and Paralegal Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/arts-social-sciences-education/legal-and-paralegal-studies/bs-paralegal-studies/>)
- Certificate in Nurse Paralegal (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/arts-social-sciences-education/legal-and-paralegal-studies/certificate-nurse-paralegal/>)
- Minor in Legal Specialties (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/arts-social-sciences-education/legal-and-paralegal-studies/minor-legal-specialties/>)
- Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Legal and Paralegal Studies (<https://catalog.utoledo.edu/undergraduate/arts-social-sciences-education/legal-and-paralegal-studies/certificate-paralegal-studies/>)

## LGL 1010 Introduction To Law

[3 credit hours]

The course is designed to improve oral and written communication skills through the study of contracts, real property, torts and criminal law. The course includes the structure and operation of the state and federal court systems, as well as the status and uses of paralegals.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Fall

## LGL 1150 Tort Law

[3 credit hours]

This course covers the traditional areas of tort law, including negligence, trespass, mental distress and conversion as well as the defenses to these claims. The course is taught through the case study method.

**Term Offered:** Spring

## LGL 1160 Legal Research, Writing And Case Analysis

[3 credit hours]

Designed to provide the student with an understanding of the function of the law library and to develop research techniques and legal analysis and writing skills through use of traditional law library materials and computerized legal research techniques such as Lexis and Anderson CD-ROM Law on Disk.

**Prerequisites:** LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D-

**Term Offered:** Spring

## LGL 1500 Legal Aspects of Poverty

[3 credit hours]

A significant part of the United States population lives in poverty. Students will learn to think critically about how poverty intersects with issues of diversity, political discourse, macro-ethics, and societal concepts of economic justice. Students will ultimately gain effective communication skills to participate meaningfully in social discourse about poverty. Students will explore a range of legal and policy issues affecting the ability of low-income people to access the most basic necessities of life. We will examine (1) the substantive law governing access to necessities; (2) human rights theories of poverty; (3) the effects of market forces on poverty; and (4) how poverty affects work, education, criminalization, and access to justice. This course aims to give students a solid grounding in both the content and impact of the laws and policies governing poverty in America.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Fall

Multicultural US Diversity

## LGL 1720 Law Practice Management

[3 credit hours]

This course exposes students to various management structures within and the administration of the law office and other legal environments. Critical thinking will be applied to management theories and applications.

**Term Offered:** Fall

## LGL 2020 Civil Procedure

[3 credit hours]

An in-depth study of the Rules of Civil Procedure, including application of rules of fact patterns. Students will draft litigation documents including complaint, answer and discovery pleadings.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1150 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Fall

## LGL 2110 Estate & Probate Administration

[3 credit hours]

Study of the common forms of wills and trusts and a survey of the fundamental principles of law applicable to each; study of the organization and jurisdiction of the probate court, analysis of the administration of estates in probate court and a review of estate and inheritance taxes.

**Term Offered:** Spring

## LGL 2120 Real Estate Transactions

[3 credit hours]

The law of real property and common types of real estate transactions and conveyances, such as deeds, land installment contracts, sales contracts and leases, with emphasis on researching, drafting and recording of documents related thereto.

**Term Offered:** Fall

## LGL 2130 Family Law

[3 credit hours]

Study of the law and practice of divorce, dissolution and all matters relating to the termination of a marriage. Students will be trained to conduct client interviews, draft pleadings and associated court forms, and calculate support under state-mandated guidelines.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Fall

**LGL 2210 Practices And Procedures In Administrative Law**

[3 credit hours]

This course takes a look at the substantive and procedural aspects of various administrative law agencies with emphasis on providing skills to practice in administrative law.

**Term Offered:** Spring

**LGL 2700 Advocacy: Mock Trial**

[3 credit hours]

An in-depth survey of the trial process which exposes students to each step of a trial in a hands-on fashion. The course will be taught utilizing traditional lecture, reading and actual mock trial experience.

**Term Offered:** Fall

**LGL 2940 Legal Assisting Internship**

[3 credit hours]

Field experience in law offices. Students will be placed in various legal assisting positions by the program director. Students will meet for job-related seminar once a week and will work at their assigned law office for 180 hours during the semester.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**LGL 3010 Law Of Business Associations**

[3 credit hours]

Study of business entities: sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations. Critical analysis of business entities, de factor and de jure entities. Students will complete articles of incorporation, bylaws and minute books.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1720 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Spring

**LGL 3030 Advanced Legal Research & Writing**

[3 credit hours]

Focus on advanced legal writing. Students will be challenged to master computer assisted legal research methods.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Fall

**LGL 3050 Bankruptcy Practices & Consumer Applications**

[3 credit hours]

An analysis of consumer laws including landlord-tenant relationships, consumer sales practices, uniform commercial code transactions, credit card law, garnishment, fair debt collection practices act and the United States Bankruptcy Code.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Fall

**LGL 3110 Personal Law**

[3 credit hours]

Through critical reasoning/collaborative learning, students will examine personal law issues and legal rights/responsibilities, enabling them to formulate analytical models readily transferable to legal issues in their present and future lives.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer

**LGL 3120 Personal Law II**

[3 credit hours]

An analysis of current legal decisions on topics such as same sex marriage, home forced entry and theology studies subsidies through analogizing/distinguishing related fact patterns and criticizing judicial exposition/logic.

**Prerequisites:** LGL 3110 with a minimum grade of D-

**LGL 3330 Litigation**

[3 credit hours]

Focus on evidence and investigation, applying critical thinking skills to actual litigation cases. Analysis of court pleadings for appropriateness and alternative mechanisms. Study of post trial and appellate matters.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1150 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 2020 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Spring

**LGL 4030 Contract Law**

[3 credit hours]

Focus on the laws concerning creation and termination of contracts. Students will analyze contractual terms including reliance, capacity, unconscionability, conditions, assignments, third-party beneficiaries and the effect of changed circumstances.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**LGL 4130 Clinic Experience**

[3 credit hours]

Students will work in a clinical environment, such as: Court Appointed Special Advocates, the UT Center for Mediation and Legal Rights, the Toledo Bar Association's Pro Se Family Law Program.

**Prerequisites:** (LGL 1010 with a minimum grade of D- and LGL 1160 with a minimum grade of D-)

**Term Offered:** Spring

**LGL 4230 Health Care And The Law**

[3 credit hours]

An analysis of health care laws and legal issues, including treatment relationships, medical malpractice, the right to die, reproductive rights, bioethics, health care financing, public health, delivery systems and regulations.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**LGL 4330 Mediation: Topics And Techniques**

[3 credit hours]

This service learning course teaches the facilitative approach to mediating disputes. Students break down disputed issues, role play, and observe actual mediations for the peaceful and cooperative resolution of disputes.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Fall

**LGL 4940 Advanced Paralegal Internship**

[3 credit hours]

Field experience for seniors, placement within their specialty. Students meet for 1 hour seminar and work at assigned law office for 12 hours per week.

**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**LGL 4990 Criminal Forensics and Trial Practice**

[3 credit hours]

This course allows students to step out of the traditional classroom setting and practice hands-on skills. Students will be assigned as crime scene investigators, paralegals and attorneys and will be responsible for investigating a homicide, indicting a suspect and conducting a trial. Part I of the class involves investigative techniques for the homicide investigative process. Part II of the class exposes students to each step of the trial in a hands-on fashion.

**Prerequisites:** LGL 2700 with a minimum grade of D-

**Term Offered:** Spring, Summer, Fall

**LGL 6100 Legal Issues for the Elderly**

[3 credit hours]

A comprehensive review of legal issues affecting elderly people, including estate planning, trusts, guardianships, powers of attorney, advance directives, social security, Medicare, Medicaid, grandparents' rights, and prenuptial agreements.

**Term Offered:** Summer, Fall

**LGL 6400 Health Issues Patient Advocacy**

[3 credit hours]

This course will focus on health related legal, regulatory and ethical matters, patient advocates may face. A review of the United States health system, medical ethics, ethics committees, and public health care policies will be discussed.

**Term Offered:** Spring

**LGL 6600 Guided Study Patient Advocacy**

[3 credit hours]

An exploration of Patient Advocacy topics or issues through advanced study of journal articles, research, readings, case studies, on-line postings, and on-line discussions, culminating in the completion of a reflective paper or thesis on a topic in the field of Patient Advocacy.

**Term Offered:** Spring

**LGL 6980 Special Topics**

[3 credit hours]

Content may vary, covering some aspect of the law or some area of special interest to the student and instructor. Students may repeat the course for credit as topics vary.

**Term Offered:** Summer