



Marian Court College – ASSOCIATE DEGREE Paralegal Studies

THE PARALEGAL program prepares graduates for employment in the legal industry and for further education at a four-year college. Students gain an understanding of the law and areas of specialization while developing decision-making skills and effective research methods to solve problems.

CAREER OUTLOOK

The Associate in Science in Paralegal Studies program provides students with a strong foundation in the liberal arts, analytical skills, and an introduction to legal skills and practices as well as in-depth study in specialized areas of the law. These subjects provide students with the opportunity to:

- ▶ Transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in a related program of study. Marian Court College has a number of transfer agreements with public and private four-year colleges and universities.
- ▶ Enter the job market in many entry-level positions as paralegals or legal assistants. Among the areas hiring are public, government, and corporate paralegal and trust departments.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

In addition to general education outcomes, graduates of the program will:

- ▶ Acquire and utilize the concepts of critical and analytical thinking as it relates to paralegal research.
- ▶ Be able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using the legal vocabulary as is needed in the field.
- ▶ Understand the distinction and diversity of the different areas of the legal profession.
- ▶ Demonstrate an understanding of the federal and state court systems.
- ▶ Be able to use computerized and manual legal research techniques.
- ▶ Demonstrate an understanding of the professional code of ethics applied to the legal community.
- ▶ Develop the skills necessary to function as entry-level paralegals or legal assistants in private, government and various legal settings.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Requirements (30/32 credits)			Major Requirements		
CS100	Computer Concepts, Applications & Internet or CS120	3	BU216	Business Ethics	3
EC210	Macroeconomics	3	LE107	Intro. to Law & Legal System	3
EN110	English Composition I*	3	LE110	Legal Research	3
EN120	English Composition II	3	LE210	Real Estate Law	3
HI109	World History I	3	LE212	Business Law	3
	<i>or</i> HI110 World History II		LE213	Wills, Estates & Trusts	3
HU110	Oral Communication & Presentation	3	LE215	Family Law	3
PS101	General Psychology	3	LE220	Criminal Law	3
SO201	Introduction to Sociology	3	LE225	Constitutional Law	3
	Math Elective	3		Elective	3
	Science Elective	3/4	Total Credits:		60/62

Math Electives: MA110 Math for Business, MA130 College Algebra, MA160 Pre-Calculus

Science Electives: BI101 Biological Concepts, SC101 Health & Wellness, SC110 Anatomy & Physiology, SC120 Weather & Climate

* Based on placement test scores students may be required to enroll in an additional obligatory credit hour of lab studies.