



## 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
	or 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	<b>Total Credits:</b>		<b>60/62</b>

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.

\*\* Based on placement test scores students may be required to take MA098 Elementary Algebra as a prerequisite. MA098 does not satisfy graduation requirements.