



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:

- ▶ Understand and utilize the concepts of critical and analytical thinking as it relates to paralegal research.
- ▶ Be able to communicate effectively using the legal vocabulary as is needed in the field.
- ▶ Understand the distinction and diversity of the different areas of the legal profession.
- ▶ Be familiar with the federal and state court systems.
- ▶ Be able to use computerized and manual research techniques.
- ▶ Understand the professional code of ethics applied to the legal community.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Requirements (30/31 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 or HI110 World History II	3	LE212	Business Law	3
HU110	Oral Communication & Presentation	3	LE213	Wills, Estates & Trusts	3
PS101	General Psychology	3	LE215	Family Law	3
SO201	Introduction to Sociology	3	LE220	Criminal Law	3
	Math Elective**	3	LE225	Constitutional Law	3
	Science Elective	3/4		Elective	3
			Total Credits:		60/61

Business Electives: BU205 Personal Finance Management, BU214 Advertising & Consumer Behavior, BU240 Small Business Management. Other electives may be selected with academic approval.

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

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

* Based on placement test scores students may be required to take EN109 Fundamentals of English *and/or* EN099 Reading and Study Skills as a prerequisite.

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