BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LEGAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Description and Outcomes

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services program is designed to offer a broad-based foundation in the knowledge of the law and other related practical study areas, in conjunction with the practical and technical skills and competencies required of various professions in the legal field. Comprehensive study in areas such as legal research and writing, American justice system, legal ethics, legal philosophy, and various legal disciplines help prepare you for diverse career opportunities.

If you are interested in pursuing occupational advancement or seeking employment in legal support environments, including private law firms, corporations, and government agencies, consider this program. Duties may include providing support during legal proceedings, investigation, preparing various documents, managing technology, and researching and assessing legal issues.

Concentration

The bachelor’s degree program offers you the opportunity to personalize a degree with a concentration in the paralegal profession.

Accelerated Master’s Degree Options

If you are interested in earning a master’s degree in human services, legal studies, psychology, or public administration, consider an accelerated master’s degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences) section for details.

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Theory and Principles: Explain the elements of specific areas of law.
2. Research: Apply relevant primary and secondary legal sources to specific fact scenarios.
3. Investigation: Investigate using exploratory techniques in the legal profession.
4. Communications: Draft communications using legal sources from specific areas of law.
5. Critical Thinking: Argue legal theories and the practices of various societal institutions.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the undergraduate School of General Education (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences) and the Policy Information (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global’s Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

Degree Plan

The icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/ approach-to-learning) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Standard Track

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<td>CS204</td>
<td>Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace</td>
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Mathematics (select one of the following):  
- **MM150**: Survey of Mathematics  
- **MM212**: College Algebra

Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):  
- **HU200**: Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions  
- **HU245**: Ethics  
- **HU250**: Humanities and Culture

Science (select one of the following):  
- **SC200**: Discovering Science - Current Issues in a Changing World  
- **SC235**: General Biology I - Human Perspectives  
- **SC246**: Fundamentals of Microbiology  
- **SC250**: Fundamentals of Science

Social Science (select one of the following):  
- **SS211**: The 1960s - Reshaping the American Dream  
- **SS236**: People, Power, and Politics - An Introduction to American Government  
- **SS250**: The Technological Revolution - A Social Scientific Approach

**Total Core Requirements**: 33

**Major Requirements**

- **CM206**: Interpersonal Communications  
- **IT133**: Microsoft Office Applications on Demand  
  or **PA230**: Introduction to Legal Technology  
- **LS100**: Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession  
- **LS185**: Introduction to American Jurisprudence  
- **LS204**: Legal Research and Writing  
- **LS244**: Advanced Legal Research and Writing  
- **PA253**: Legal Ethics  
- **100/200 Level**: Major Elective  
- **LS308**: Law and Society  
- **LS311**: Business Law  
- **LS312**: Ethics and the Legal Environment  
- **LS490**: Legal Philosophy  
- **PA412**: Alternative Dispute Resolution  
- **300/400 Level**: Major Electives (see below)  
- **LS495**: Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services Capstone

**Total Major Requirements**: 88

**Open Elective Requirements**

- **Open Electives**: 59  
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**TOTAL CREDITS**: 180

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1. Online students will take **PA230** Introduction to Legal Technology.
2. These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor’s Degrees in the Prior Learning Assessment section for details.
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Paralegal
Concentration courses are completed within the major electives requirement of the degree plan.

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