BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PARALEGAL STUDIES

(Currently Not Accepting Enrollments)

Description and Outcomes

Effective November 11, 2015, this program will no longer be accepting enrollments or reentries. An alternative program may be available/recommended. Check with an Admissions Advisor.

The Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies program is designed to prepare you to pursue a career as a paralegal as well as for advancement if you are already working in the field. The program provides you with a broad knowledge base and a strong foundation in law and paralegal skills. The baccalaureate program is designed to combine the technical skills of various specialized areas of law with research, practical, technological, and analytical skills. In addition to the areas covered in the associate's-level program, the bachelor’s degree covers the fields of real estate law, family law, tort law, and advanced legal writing, and includes paralegal electives and general education requirements at the 300/400-level.

Upon graduation, you may pursue occupational advancement or seek employment in legal environments including private law firms, corporations, and government agencies. A paralegal's duties may include providing support during courtroom proceedings, interviewing and investigation, preparing documents, managing technology, and researching legal issues.

Accelerated Master's Degree Options

If you are interested in earning a master’s degree in environmental policy, 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 Paralegal Studies 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. Assist Clients: Analyze data to ethically assist clients throughout the legal process.
2. Perform Legal Research: Locate and analyze relevant primary and secondary legal sources in electronic and print media.
3. Perform Investigative Functions: Use investigative techniques to gather information from a variety of sources.
4. Perform Communications Functions: Communicate with participants throughout the legal process.
5. Implement Legal Procedures: Manage electronic and print information.
6. Assist in Litigation Preparation: Draft and organize information for trial purposes.
7. Prepare Legal Documents for Clients.

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/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.

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### Total Core Requirements
- 33 credits

### Major Requirements
- **IT133** Microsoft Office Applications on Demand 1
- **LS100** Introduction to the Law and Legal Profession
- **PA110** Civil Litigation
- **PA201** Introduction to Legal Research
- **PA205** Introduction to Legal Analysis and Writing
- **PA253** Legal Ethics
- **100/200 Level** Major Elective
- **PA300** Real Estate Law
- **PA310** Tort Law 2
- **PA401** Advanced Legal Writing
- **300/400 Level** Major Electives
- **PA499** Bachelor's Capstone in Paralegal Studies

### Total Major Requirements
- 88 credits

### Open Elective Requirements
- **Open Electives** 3
- **Total Open Elective Requirements** 59

### Total Credits
- 180 credits

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1. Online students will take **PA230 Introduction to Legal Technology**.
2. Students who do not possess prior learning credit comparable to **PA165 Introduction to Torts** must take the course in place of an open elective to satisfy the prerequisite requirements for **PA310 Tort Law**.
3. Eligible students who choose to complete an accelerated master's degree option will take four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.