

About the Program

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Legal Studies (Paralegal Studies) prepares students for careers as paralegals and legal assistants.

This program requires a **minimum of 64 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual academic degree plan. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Program Requirements

Students must fulfill all requirements outlined in the college catalog.

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include developmental education courses in reading, writing, and/or mathematics or other prerequisite courses that you may be required to take. In addition, it does not include program graduation requirements.

See the college catalog for information regarding **drug screening and criminal background checks**.

At this time, **certification of paralegals/legal assistants** remains voluntary in Florida. The Certified Paralegal (CP) credential is recognized in the legal community as representing the highest standard of excellence and professionalism. Students who successfully graduate from the Legal Studies (Paralegal Studies) program at Florida State College at Jacksonville meet the educational requirements to sit for the CP exam. The exam is administered locally by the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA). For more information regarding the CP exam, eligibility and fees, please visit the NALA website at <http://nala.org/>.

Additional Information

- ⇒ **Program information**, including advisor contact details: <https://www.fscj.edu/2299>.
- ⇒ **Associate in Science Degree Information**, including graduation requirements: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/degree-certificate-programs/associate-in-science-degrees>.
- ⇒ ***Program Requirements**: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/programs/2299>.
- ⇒ **Math Pathways Information**: <https://catalog.fscj.edu/academics/math-pathways>.

Sample Roadmap

This sample roadmap shows one possible pathway to program completion and may not be appropriate for all students.

Prior to enrolling in classes, please **meet with an advisor** for specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan. Some courses are offered only once per year; advising is critical for course progression.

See the **program requirements for general education and professional elective course options.*

This program includes a **Mathematical Thinking in Context math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students in the broadest range of programs of study. In this pathway, students will explore a variety of mathematical concepts utilizing multiple ways of thinking to formulate and solve problems in context.

Term 1

Course	Credits
ENC 1101 - English Composition I or ENC 1101C - English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102 - Writing About Texts	3-4
General Education Mathematics course	3-5
CGS 1100C - Microcomputer Applications for Business and Economics	3
BUL 2131 - Business Law I - The Legal Environment of Business	3
Civic Literacy course	3

Term 2

Course	Credits
General Education Natural Sciences Core course	3-4
SPC 2017 - Introduction to Speech Communications or SPC 2065 - Speech Communication for Business and the Professions or SPC 2608 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
General Education Humanities Core course	3
PLA 1003 - Introduction to Legal Studies	3
PLA 1104 - Legal Research and Writing I	3

Term 3

Course	Credits
PLA 2273 - Tort Law	3
PLA 2600 - Wills, Trusts and Estates	3
PLA 2610 - Real Estate Law	3
PLA 2800 - Family Law	3
PLA 2114 - Legal Research and Writing II	4

Term 4

Course	Credits
Professional Law-Related Elective course	3
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PLA 2732 - Technology in the Law Office	3
Professional Elective course	3

Term 5

Course	Credits
PLA 2200 - Litigation	3
PLA 2949 - Internship or PLA 2944 - Simulated Law Office Experience: The Paralegal Studies Capstone	3