

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

The Associates of Applied Science Degree in Paralegal Studies is a program of study which qualifies its graduates to be employed in law and business related occupations, including private law firms, corporate departments and government entities. Substantive law is combined with thorough preparation in legal procedures, research methodology and practical knowledge. Elective course offerings will permit students to specialize in particular areas of interest. The Paralegal Studies Program provides the foundation for students to think critically and act ethically in accordance with the local and national rules of professional conduct. Graduates of this program will be prepared to perform high quality legal work under the direction of an attorney. The program encourages graduates to continue educational pursuits and seek community service opportunities.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate ability to manage cases and draft legal documents by applying written skills and knowledge of legal procedures in civil litigation and other substantive areas of law.
- Identify ethical issues and be able to apply the rules of professional conduct through synthesis and analysis.
- Demonstrate knowledge of research methodology by applying critical thinking initiatives to various information formats including computerized and traditional library research.
- Proficient use of word processing software and ability to identify and adapt to different types of law office technology and computer applications.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (25 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: COM 101	3	_____
ENGLISH: ENG 100, 101, 113	3-5	_____
HUMAN RELATIONS: HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 210, 247, 260, PSC 201, PSY, SOC	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 120 or above (except MATH 122, 123)	3	_____
SCIENCE: AST, BIOL, CHEM, ENV, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL, PHYS	6	_____
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES: AM, ANTH, ART, COM, ECON, ENG 223 or above, GEOG 106 or above, HIST, International Languages, Music, PHIL, PSC, THTR, WMST 113	3	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217	4-6	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (38 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
IS 101 Introduction to Information Systems	3	_____
LAW 101 Fundamentals of Law I	3	_____
LAW 231 Civil Procedure	3	_____
LAW 234 Civil Procedure II	3	_____
LAW 253 Law Office Management	3	_____
LAW 259 Legal Writing	3	_____
LAW 261 Legal Research I	4	_____
LAW 262 Legal Research II	4	_____
LAW 263 Ethics	3	_____
Plus 9 credits from the following:		
LAW 204 Torts	3	_____
LAW 205 Contracts	3	_____
LAW 232 Criminal Procedure	3	_____
LAW 250 Administrative Law	3	_____
LAW 251 Bankruptcy	3	_____
LAW 252 Family Law	3	_____
LAW 255 Probate Procedures	3	_____
LAW 258 Constitutional Law	3	_____
LAW 264 Civil Evidence	3	_____
LAW 295 Supervised Field Experience	3	_____
RE 103 Real Estate Law and Practice	3	_____

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Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.