**AS, Paralegal Studies**

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**Purpose**

The Associate in Science (AS) in Paralegal Studies is designed for students seeking a professional career in a law-related field. The program trains students in many diverse areas of law. The content includes, but is not limited to, legal research and legal writing; litigation and trial practice; corporate law; wills, estates and trusts; tort law; family law; law office management; real property law; tax law; criminal law; constitutional law; ethics and code of professional responsibility; contract law; employability skills; leadership and human relations skills; and health and safety.

**The Edison State College Paralegal Studies Program is approved by the American Bar Association.** [**www.americanbar.org/**](http://www.americanbar.org/)

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**Program Structure**

This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of 64 credit hours in the following areas: 18 credit hours of General Education Requirements, 37 credit hours of Paralegal Studies Core Requirements, and 9 credit hours of Open Electives.

**Course Prerequisites**

***Many courses require prerequisites.*** Click on each course’s name in the list below to check for prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other restrictions related to the course. Students must complete all prerequisites for a course prior to registering for it.

**Graduation**

Students must fulfill all requirements of their program major after which, students must complete an application for graduation through the Office of the Registrar and enroll in the GRD 2000 course the semester in which they intend to graduate. Students must apply for graduation ***by the*** ***published deadline*** to be assured of final clearance for graduation, timely receipt of their diploma, and participation in the commencement ceremony.

**General Education Requirements: 18 Credit Hours**

ENC 1101 - Composition I - 3 credits

ENC 1102 - Composition II - 3 credits

SPC 1017 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication - 3 credits

**OR**

SPC 2023 - Introduction to Public Speaking - 3 credits

\*Gen Ed Mathematics - 3 credits

\*Gen Ed Humanities - 3 credits

\*Gen Ed Social Sciences – 3 credits

\*Courses specified as Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Humanities may be chosen from any courses listed in the Associate in Arts Degree General Education Program Guide, AA, under their respective categories.

**Paralegal Studies, AS Degree Core Requirements: 37 Credit Hours**

BUL 2241 - Business Law - 3 credits

CJL 2100 - Criminal Law - 3 credits

CGS 1100 - Computer Applications for Business - 3 credits (Prerequisite: CGS 1000 – 3 credits or CLEP CGS 1077 - 3 transfer credits)

PLA 1003 - Introduction to Paralegal Studies - 3 credits

PLA 1103 - Legal Research and Writing I - 3 credits

PLA 2114 - Legal Research and Writing II - 3 credits

PLA 2200 - Litigation - 3 credits

PLA 2202 - Torts - 3 credits

PLA 2600 - Wills, Trusts, and Probate Administration - 3 credits

PLA 2610 - Real Estate Law and Property - 3 credits

PLA 2800 - Family Law - 3 credits

PLA 2942 - Paralegal Internship - 3 credits

PLA 2930 – Capstone/Portfolio - 1 credit

**Paralegal Studies, AS Degree Open Elective Requirements: 9 Credit Hours**

**Electives may be taken from any 1000 and 2000 level courses**

**Total Degree Requirements: 64 Credit Hours**

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