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| **Paralegal Studies, AS**

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Return to {$returnto_text} Return to: [Programs of Study](http://catalog.fsw.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1177)**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 Florida SouthWestern State College Paralegal Studies Program is approved by the American Bar Association.[www.americanbar.org/aba.html](http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html)**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, 43 credit hours of Program Requirements, and 3 credit hours of Electives.**Course Prerequisites*****Many courses require prerequisites.*** Check the description of each course in the list below for prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other restrictions. Students must complete all prerequisites for a course prior to registering for it.**Graduation**Students must fulfill all requirements of their program to be eligible for graduation. Students must indicate their intention to attend commencement ceremony by completing the Commencement Form by the published deadline. |
| **General Education Requirements: 18 Credit Hours*** [ENC 1101 - Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [ENC 1102 - Composition II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**

 * General Education Core Mathematics **3 credits**
* General Education Core Humanities **3 credits**
* General Education Core Social Sciences (Students required by F.A.C. 6A-10.02413 to demonstrate Civic Literacy should take AMH 2020 or POS 2041) **3 credits**
* General Education Core Natural Sciences **3 credits**

**Program Requirements: 43 Credit Hours*** [BUL 2241 - Business Law](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [CGS 1100 - Computer Applications for Business](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [CJL 2100 - Criminal Law](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 1003 - Introduction to Paralegal Studies](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 1103 - Legal Research and Writing I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2114 - Legal Research and Writing II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2200 - Litigation](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2202 - Torts](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2600 - Wills, Trusts, and Probate Administration](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2610 - Real Estate Law and Property](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2763 - Law Office Management](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2800 - Family Law](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2880 - Constitutional Law](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**
* [PLA 2930 - Capstone-Portfolio](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **1 credit**
* [PLA 2942 - Paralegal Internship](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=15&poid=1416&returnto=1327&print) **3 credits**

 **Electives: 3 Credit Hours*** Any 1000 or 2000 level courses **3 credits**

**Total Degree Requirements: 64 Credit Hours****Information is available online at:**[**www.fsw.edu/academics/**](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/)**or on the School of Business and Technology Home Page at:**[**www.fsw.edu/sobt**](http://www.fsw.edu/sobt) |