

PARALEGAL

Programs

- Paralegal Associate in Applied Science (<https://catalog.gvltec.edu/school-engineering-technology-professional-studies/paralegal/paralegal-aas/>)

Courses

LEG 120 Torts (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

This course is a study of the various classifications and functions of tort law, including intentional and negligent torts, causation, proximate cause and defenses.

LEG 121 Business Law I (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

This course is a study of the basics of commercial law, with emphasis on the formation and enforcement of contracts and the rules particular to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and sales of goods.

LEG 122 Business Law II (3-0-3)

Offered Summer and Spring Semesters as needed

Prerequisite: LEG 121

This course is an in-depth study of the Uniform Commercial Code with special emphasis on the essentials of Article 3, Commercial Paper and Article 9, Secured Transactions. Business partnerships and corporations and their formation are studied.

LEG 132 Legal Bibliography (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

Prerequisites: ENG 101, LEG 135, LEG 230

Co-requisites: LEG 132 and LEG 201 may be taken together only by students who possess a bachelor's degree and are on the one-year track
This course is a study of the methods of legal research, proper citation of authority, use of legal treatises, texts, reporters and digests.

LEG 135 Introduction to Law and Ethics (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

This course provides a general introduction to law, including courts, legal terminology, procedures, systems and laws of society. Emphasis is on ethics and the role of the paralegal in the legal system.

LEG 201 Civil Litigation I (Discovery) (3-0-3)

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

Prerequisites: LEG 120, LEG 132, LEG 135, LEG 230, LEG 262

Co-requisites: LEG 132 and LEG 201 may be taken together by students who possess a bachelor's degree and are on the one-year track

This course is a study of the principles of litigation and the rules of procedure for each court in the South Carolina system including pleading, practice and discovery procedures.

LEG 202 Civil Litigation II (Pleadings) (3-0-3)

Offered Spring and Summer Semesters

Prerequisites: LEG 201

Co-requisites: LEG 240 (required)

This course includes an in-depth examination of the principles of litigation, focusing on the application of civil techniques and the role of a paralegal using hypothetical cases.

LEG 212 Workers' Compensation (3-0-3)

Offered Fall Semester

Prerequisites: LEG 120, LEG 132

This course is a study of the history of workers' compensation case laws, statutes, regulations and procedures in handling claims.

LEG 213 Family Law (3-0-3)

Offered Spring and Summer Semesters

Prerequisites: ENG 101, LEG 135, LEG 230

This course includes an examination of the laws of marriage, divorce, annulment, separation, adoption, custody and the juvenile.

LEG 214 Property Law (3-0-3)

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

Prerequisites: ENG 101, LEG 135, LEG 230

This course includes an overview of South Carolina property law, including the mechanics of various commercial and private property transactions and mortgage foreclosures.

LEG 230 Legal Writing (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

Pre- or Co-requisite: ENG 101 (required)

This course includes methods, techniques and procedures for the research and preparation of legal memoranda, trial and appellate briefs and trial notebooks.

LEG 233 Wills, Trusts and Probate (3-0-3)

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

Prerequisites: ENG 101, LEG 135, LEG 230

This course includes a detailed study of testacy and intestacy, preparation of wills and codicils and fundamentals of trust and probate administration.

LEG 240 Claims Investigation (3-0-3)

Offered Spring and Summer Semesters

Prerequisites: LEG 201

Co-requisite: LEG 202 (required)

This course is an in-depth study of investigating claims, interviewing and taking statements, collecting data, assembling and presenting evidence.

LEG 250 Internship for Paralegal (0-9-3)

Offered Spring Semester

Prerequisites: Upper-level students with a minimum of 3.0 GPA; instructor consent required.

This course is designed to provide the paralegal student with an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and apply the skills and knowledge in a law office or other suitable location where paralegals are employed.

LEG 262 Litigation Applications (3-0-3)

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters

Prerequisites: LEG 135, LEG 230

Co-requisites: LEG 135, LEG 230 and LEG 262 may be taken together by students who possess a bachelor's degree and are on the one-year track
This course introduces computer applications in various litigation and courtroom settings using general computer and legal software programs.

LEG 270 Paralegal Certification Preparation (3-0-3)

Offered Spring and Summer Semesters

Prerequisite: Eligibility for NALA exam and instructor approval required

This course provides a review and preparation for testing for a national paralegal certification exam.