

# NorthWest Arkansas Community College

## 2015 Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

Last Name	First Name	Mid. Initial	Student ID Number
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**NOTE: The NWACC Paralegal Program supports the general principles of ethical legal practice, professional responsibility and the prohibition against the unauthorized practice of law by nonlawyers. Students receive extensive training in legal ethics, including the mandate the paralegals work only under the supervision of attorneys and are prohibited by law from giving legal advice to the public.**

Some students may be required to take developmental coursework before entering the program if test scores fall below a certain level. Students must demonstrate competency in computer skills by passage or the Computer Challenge Test or the taking of NWACC course, Introduction to Computer Information CISQ 1103.

**\*CHECK THE CATALOG FOR PREREQUISITES BEFORE ENROLLING IN A CLASS**

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE	DATE COMPLETED	PREREQUISITE (see catalog)	GRADE
<b>FIRST SEMESTER (16 Hours)</b>			
ENGL 1013 English Composition I	_____	_____	_____
CISQ 1103 Intro Computer Info.	_____	_____	_____
COMM 1303 Public Speaking	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 1043 Intro. To Law & Legal Asst.	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 1104 Legal Research	_____	_____	_____
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (15-16 Hours)</b>			
ENGL 1023 English Composition II	_____	_____	_____
HIST 2003 Hist. Amer Peo to 1877 <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
HIST 2013 Hist. Amer Peo Sin 1877 <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
PLSC 2003 American Nat. Government	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2133 Torts	_____	_____	_____
MATH 1203 College Algebra - Accelerated <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
MATH 1204 College Algebra <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
MATH 1204R College Algebra w/Review	_____	_____	_____
MATH 1003 Math for AAS Majors Math or College Algebra	_____	_____	_____
CMJS XXXX Criminal Justice Elective Select from Group B	_____	_____	_____
<b>THIRD SEMESTER (16 Hours)</b>			
PYSC 2003 General Psychology	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 1133 Legal Writing	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2323 Civil Litigation	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2382 Legal Ethics	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2252 Family Law	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2643 Contracts	_____	_____	_____
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER (16 Hours)</b>			
LEGL 2553 Real Estate Law	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2753 Wills, Estates, & Trusts	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2772 Business Organizations	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2822 Trial Practice <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2952 Paralegal Internship <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2953 Paralegal Internship <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2954 Paralegal Internship	_____	_____	_____
Elective Group A or B below	_____	_____	_____
Elective Group C	_____	_____	_____

Elective - Select one class from Group A or B below - Consult catalog

Elective - Select one class from Group C

**62-64 Total Hours**

15 Hours must be earned at NWACC to graduate. (Not all courses are available each semester; consult catalog to aid in planning.)

**NOTE: NWACC will award five hours of credit for students who can demonstrate completion of training from the University of Arkansas Paralegal Certificate program. Three hours will substitute for Torts and 2 hours will apply towards the Paralegal**

**Elective. Students must earn at least 15 hours at NWACC and received a grade of "C" or better in all LEGL courses to graduate.**

**Group A - Paralegal or Work-related Electives**

LEGL 2153 American Constitutional Law  
LEGL 2172 Employment Law  
LEGL 2173 Evidence  
LEGL 2713 Bankruptcy Law  
LEGL 777V General Paralegal Elective

**Group B - Criminal Justice Electives**

CMJS 2013 Intro to Criminal Justice  
CMJS 2023 Criminology  
CMJS 2033 Criminal Law  
CMJS 2043 Criminal Procedures

**Group C - General Education Electives**

Foreign language, natural or physical science, history, sociology, political science, economics, humanities or English

**\*Please see coordinator if you have paralegal related courses from another college(s). Course substitutions may be accepted.**

**NOTE: Students can be awarded 5 credit hours for completion of the Paralegal Certificate from the University of Arkansas School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. Three hours will substitute for Torts and 2 hours will apply towards the Paralegal, Legal or Work Related elective. Students must earn at Least 15 hours at NWACC and receive a grade of "C" or better in all LEGL courses to graduate. The paralegal program will only accept up to 12 hours of credit for legal specialty courses which are transferred in from other accredited paralegal programs, including programs which are approved by the American Bar Association. The decision as to whether a paralegal course from another institution will be accepted is the sole discretion of the NWACC paralegal program administrator.**

My advisor has explained this degree plan and I understand that I am responsible for following the above guidelines as defined in the college catalog for course prerequisites.

**Advisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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