

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
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		GRADE
	COMPLETED	PREREQUISITE (see catalog)	
FIRST SEMESTER (16 Hours)			
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	_____
SECOND SEMESTER (15-16 Hours)			
ENGL 1023	_____	English Composition II	_____
HIST 2003	_____	Hist. Amer Peo to 1877 OR	_____
HIST 2013	_____	Hist. Amer Peo Sin 1877 OR	_____
PLSC 2003	_____	American Nat. Government	_____
LEGL 2133	_____	Torts	_____
MATH 1204	_____	College Algebra OR	_____
MATH 1003	_____	Math for AAS Majors Math or College Algebra	_____
CMJS XXXX	_____	Criminal Justice Elective Select from Group B	_____
THIRD SEMESTER (16 Hours)			
PYSC 2003	_____	General Psychology	_____
LEGL 1133	_____	Legal Writing	_____
LEGL 2323	_____	Civil Litigation	_____
LEGL 2382	_____	Legal Ethics	_____
LEGL 2252	_____	Family Law	_____
LEGL 2643	_____	Contracts	_____
FOURTH SEMESTER (16 Hours)			
LEGL 2553	_____	Real Estate Law	_____
LEGL 2753	_____	Wills, Estates, & Trusts	_____
LEGL 2772	_____	Business Organizations	_____
LEGL 2822	_____	Trial Practice OR	_____
LEGL 2952	_____	Paralegal Internship OR	_____
LEGL 2953	_____	Paralegal Internship OR	_____
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 6 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 3 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 program, including programs which are approved by the American Bar Association. The decision as to wheather 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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