

General Education Requirements Unique to Paralegal Studies (2024-2025) – Complete a minimum of 21 semester units of general education including at least one course in each of the following areas. A given course meets the requirements in only one area. **However, courses with asterisks (*) may be used to meet a General Education requirement listed in A-E below as well as the COC Diversity Requirement.**

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT STUDENTS MAY ELECT TO COMPLETE THE IGETC OR THE CSU GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERNS IN LIEU OF A-E BELOW.

In addition, students need to complete the local COC Diversity, PE/Wellness, and Mathematics Competency requirements, earn 60 units, a C grade in each Paralegal major course requirements, an overall degree applicable GPA of 2.0 plus be in “good standing” at College of the Canyons in order to earn the Associate Degree. (Please check in with the COC Counseling office to make sure these requirements are all being satisfied.)

- A. Natural Sciences – minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units required**
Anthropology 101, 101H, 101L, Astronomy 100, 101, 101L, 102, 104
Biological Science 100, 100H, 101, 106, 106H, 107, 107H, 115, 116,
119, 130, 132, 140, 180, 201, 202, 204, 205, 221, 240
Chemistry 100, 151, 151H, 201, 202, 201H, 255, 256
Environment 103,104
Geography 100, 101, 103, 105, 110
Geology 100,101,102, 103, 104, 105, 109, 110
Ocean 101, 119; Physical Science 101
Physics 101, 110, 111, 220, 221, 222
Psychology 102
- B. Social and Behavioral Sciences - minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units required**
Anthropology 103*, 103H*, 105, 120*, 210, 220
Business 126*
CCE 200, 201
Communication Studies 120, 235, 246, 256*, 260*, 270
Economics 170, 170H, 201, 201H, 202, 202H
Environment 101; Ethnic Studies 101*, 102*, 103*
Geography 102*, 104
GLST 101, 102
History 101, 101H, 102, 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 115, 116*, 117*,
120*,120H*, 130*, 161*, 191,192*,210*, 212 ,240, 243*
MEA 100; Philosophy 130
Political Science 150, 150H,200,210,230,250,170,290*
Psychology 101,101H,105,109,110,126,167*, 172,172H
180,225,230*,235*,240*
Sociology 101*,101H*,102,103*,103H*, 104*,105*
106*, 107*, 108, 110*, 130*, ,200*, 200H*,
205, 207*, 208*, 210*, 230*, 250
SWSH 110
- C. Humanities and Fine Arts - minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units required**
Anthropology 210*, 220
Art 100, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115
Architecture 114, 115; Business 160
Chinese 101, 102
Cinema 120, 121, 122, 123*, 127, 129
Communication Studies 100, 100H, 105, 105H, 150, 225, 246,
256*, 260* Dance 100
English 105, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 122, 135, 200*, 250,
251, 240, 260, 261, 262*, 263, 264, 270*, 271*, 272, 273*, 274*,
275, 280*, 281
French 101, 102, 150, 201, 202 German 101, 102
History 101, 101H, 102, 161*, 191*, 192*, 193*
History 240, 243*
Humanities 100, 115, 116, 150
Italian 101, 102, 150
Music 100, 105, 106, 107, 108*, 109*, 110*, 112, 120A
Philosophy 101, 101H, 102*, 110, 111, 112, 120, 130,
220*, 225, 240, 250
Photo 140
Sign Language 101, 102, 103, 104, 110*
Sociology 200*, 200H*
Spanish 101, 101H, 102, 150, 201, 202, 211, 212
Theatre 100, 110, 110H, 220
- D. Language and Rationality - 6 semester or 8 quarter units - minimum grade of “C” (completion of both 1 & 2 required)**
1. English Composition:
Select one course from the following:
English 101, 101H, 103, 103H, 112
2. Communication and Analytical Thinking:
Select one course from the following:
Communication Studies 105, 105H, 120, 205, 225, 227
Computer Science 256
English 112
Math 100, 102, 102X, 103, 103X, 104, 104X, 140, 140H,
140X, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215
Philosophy 106, 206, 230
Psychology 103
Sociology 102, 108
- E. American Institutions – Minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units required that cover US-1: Historical development of American institutions & ideas, US-2: US Constitution and US-3: State & Local Government.**
At COC to meet this, you must pick 2 courses from the following, by completing either Option 1 OR Option 2:
Option 1: One course from: Economics 170, 170H, History 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 116*, 117*, 120*,
120H*, or 130* **AND** Political Science 150 or 150H
Option 2: Complete **both** History 111 or 111H **AND** History 112 or 112H to meet this requirement

NOTE about Major Course Substitutions for Paralegal courses taken at other colleges:

College of the Canyons does not accept legal specialty courses from a school that is not ABA approved or accredited by a College of the Canyons approved accrediting body. College of the Canyons limits the transfer of legal specialty units (i.e. Paralegal courses) to 12 semester or 18 quarter units from an ABA approved program. College of the Canyons allows 9 semester or 13.5 quarter units of legal specialty units (i.e. paralegal courses) from a non-ABA approved program. ALL additional units should transfer for elective credit, but the limits stated above are for substitution of paralegal courses. Therefore, it is likely that if you have taken many courses at another institution, you will be limited on the number of courses that transfer and substitute for paralegal courses. Use this website link to see if your previous college was an ABA approved college: <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/paralegal-resource-directory/>

In addition, the courses transferring will be examined for rigor, subject matter, delivery modality (lecture, hybrid, etc.), topics covered, assignments and/or projects. Merely having the same course name is insufficient. Potential students are encouraged to meet with the Paralegal Studies Department Chair prior to attending so that transfer credits can be discussed and course planning can occur. <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/paralegal/contact/index.php>