



2026– 2027 Paralegal Associate Degree General Education

Student Information				
Name:	Major:			
COCID:	Catalog Year:			
GE Area	These requirements are for students who are pursuing the Paralegal Studies degree and do not wish to transfer to the CSU or UC. Courses cannot be used to fulfill multiple GE areas. All courses must be completed with grades of “C -” or better. Courses approved in the GE areas below may not be Cal-GETC approved. See a counselor for details.	Need	In-Progress	Course / CPL / AP Exam Completed
AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING (2 courses: one from each group; 6 semester or 8 quarter units)				
1A	English Composition: ENGL C1000, C1000H			
1B	Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: COMM C1000, C1000H, 120, 225, 227; ENGL C1001, C1001H, C1003; PHILOS 106, 206, 230; PSYC 103; SOCI 102, 108			
AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)				
2	CMPSCI 111, 132, 256; ECON 291; MATH 100, 102, 102X, 103, 103X, 104, 104X, 130, 211, 211X, 212, 213, 214, 215, 240, 240X; PSYC 103; SOCI 102; STAT C1000, C1000E, C1000H			
AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)				
3	ANTHRO 210, 220; ARCHT 114, 115; ART 100, 112, 115, 116; ARTH C1100, C1200; BUS 160; CHINESE 101, 102; CINEMA 120, 121, 122, 123, 127, 129, 131; COMM C1000, C1000H, 100, 100H, 150, 225, C1004, 256, 260; DANCE 100; ECON 170, 170H; ENGL C1002, C1003, 105, 106, 108, 109, 122, 135, 200, 250, 251, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 280, 281; FRNCH 101, 102, 150, 201, 202; GERMAN 101, 102; GMD 120; HIST C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H, 101, 101H, 102, 115, 116, 117, 120, 120H, 130, 161, 191, 192, 193, 210, 212, 230, 240, 243; HUMAN 100, 115, 116, 150; ID 114, 115; ITAL 101, 102, 150; KPET 209; LING 101; MEA 101, 102; MUSIC 100, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 120A; PHILOS 101, 101H, 102, 110, 111, 112, 120, 130, 220, 225, 240, 250; PHOTO 140; SIGN 101, 102, 103, 104, 110; SOCI 200, 200H; SPAN 101, 101H, 102, 150, 201, 202, 211, 212, 240; THEATR 100, 110, 111, 210, 220, 240			
AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)				
4	ANTHRO 103, 103H, 105, 120, 210, 220; BUS 126; CCE 200, 201; COMM 120, 235, 246, 256, 260, 270; COUNS 200; ECE 101, 102; ECON C2001, C2001H, C2002, C2002H, 170, 170H; ENVRMT 101; ETHNST 101, 102, 103, 104; GEOGRPH 102, 104, 105; GLST 101, 102; HIST C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H, 101, 101H, 102, 115, 116, 117, 120, 120H, 130, 161, 191, 192, 193, 210, 212, 230, 240, 243; MEA 100; PHILOS 130; POLS C1000, C1000H, 200, 210, 230, 250, 270, 290; PSYC C1000, C1000H, 103, 105, 109, 110, 126, 167, 172, 172H, 180, 225, 230, 235, 240; SOCI 101, 101H, 102, 103, 103H, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 130, 200, 200H, 205, 207, 208, 210, 230, 233, 250; SWSH 110			
AREA 5 - NATURAL SCIENCES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)				
5	ANTH 101, 101H, 101L; ASTRON 100, 102, 104; BIOSCI 100, 100H, 101, 106, 106H, 107, 107H, 115, 116, 119, 130, 132, 140, 180, 201, 202, 204, 205, 221, 240; CHEM 100, 151, 151H, 201, 201H, 202, 255, 256; ENVRMT 103, 104; GEOGRPH 100, 101, 103, 105, 110; GEOLOGY 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 110, 111; HLHSCI 150; OCEAN 101, 119; PHYSCI 101; PHYSIC 101, 102, 110, 111, 210, 211, 220, 221, 222; PSYC 102			
AREA 6 - ETHNIC STUDIES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)				
6	ETHNST 101, 102, 103, 104			

PARALEGAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS To earn an Associate Degree at College of the Canyons, students must meet the following requirements:	Need	In-Progress	Completed
Complete COC associate degree GE. Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Paralegal Associate degree GE is waived if you have earned a bachelor's degree at a institutionally accredited institution. A bachelor's degree waives the GE course requirements only. Students must still complete a minimum of 60 lower-division degree-applicable units to earn an associate degree. 			
Complete the major requirements as listed in the College Catalog. Major Courses require a grade of C or better.			
UNIT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Complete a minimum of 12 units at College of the Canyons.			
Complete a minimum of 60 degree applicable units.			
CUMULATIVE GPA – A minimum 2.0 (C Average) must be earned in all attempted units; be in good academic standing.			

Common Course Numbering (CCN)

California Assembly Bill 1111, or AB 1111, also known as the "Common Course Numbering" bill, aims to simplify the transfer process for students within the California Community Colleges (CCC) system. The bill requires that CCC courses satisfying similar requirements—like general education or major requirements—share the same course number across all CCC. This standardization helps students more easily identify transferable courses.

Example: STAT C1000E	Subject:	STAT = Statistics
	Course Type:	C = Common Course Number
	Course Number:	1000
	Course Specialty Identifier:	E = Embedded support

The standardized number will SUBJ C####&&
 Where SUBJ will be standard subject abbreviations, C = Common Course Number, #### Course number, && Course Specialty Identifier (i.e. honors, lab, Embedded support course)

The course renumbering will be implemented in phases, allowing time for institutions to align courses gradually. For more information, please visit: <https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/counseling/Common-Course-Numbering.php>

Notes:

Major Course Substitutions for Paralegal courses taken at other colleges:
 College of the Canyons (COC) does not accept legal specialty courses from institutions that are not ABA approved or accredited by a COC recognized accrediting body. COC permits the transfer of up to **12 semester units (or 18 quarter units)** of legal specialty (paralegal) courses from an **ABA-approved program**, and up to **9 semester units (or 13.5 quarter units)** from a **non-ABA approved program**. Additional coursework may transfer as elective credit, but only the units within these limits may be used as substitutes for COC paralegal courses. If you have completed several paralegal courses at another institution, you may be limited in how many will count toward the COC Paralegal program.

Transfer courses will be evaluated based on their rigor, subject matter, delivery method (e.g., lecture, hybrid), topics covered, and the nature of assignments or projects. Having the same course name is not sufficient for approval. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Paralegal Studies Department Chair before enrolling to discuss transfer credit options and develop a course plan.

To check if your previous school is ABA approved, visit: <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/paralegal-resource-directory/>.
 For more information or to contact the department, go to: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/paralegal/contact/index.php>.