

Cal-Law Scholar - Certificate of Achievement

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description:

The Cal-LAW Certificate of Achievement will assist the State Bar of California in its efforts to insure the legal profession reflects the diverse population of the State of California, this pathway creates a pipeline of diverse students from high schools, community colleges, four-year institutions, and law schools into law or law-related careers.

Program SLO:

Demonstrate critical thinking through application and evaluation of information to arrive at a possible solution.

Important Information: For students interested in earning an Associate's degree and/or transfer, please follow up with the Counseling Office for additional information @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661)362-3811.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the Memorandum of Understanding between eleven California Law Schools and College of the Canyons. See the [Pathway to Law School](#) Site for more information.

First Semester (3-14 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major Course
PARLGL 101	Introduction to Law (FA, SP, SU)	3	Major
ENGL 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Major
Math 140/140H OR MATH 140X	Introductory Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU) OR Statistics with Support (FA, SP)	4 - 5	Major
POLISCI 150/150H	Introduction to American Government (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
Term Totals:		14-15	

Check the [Honors website](#) for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below.

Second Semester (15- 23 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major Courses
ENGL 103/103H OR ENGL 112/112H OR COMS 227	Critical Reading, Writing & Thinking (FA, WI, SP, SU) Intermediate Composition, Literature, & Critical Thinking (FA, SP) Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (FA, SP)	3-4	Major
COMS 225	Strategies of Argumentation (FA, SP)	3	Major
ECON 170/170H OR HIST 111/111H OR HIST 112/112H OR HIST 120/120H OR HIST 130	Economics History of the US (FA, SP) US History I (FA, WI, SP, SU) US History II (FA, WI, SP, SU) The Role of Women in US History (FA, WI, SP, SU) Social and Cultural History of US (FA, SP, SU)	3	Major
Term Totals:		9-10	

Total Units: 23 - 25

NOTE: The Memorandum of Understanding between the eleven California Law Schools and College of the Canyons highly recommends the following electives: Counseling 150 – Student Success (3 units) Paralegal 107 – Legal Ethics (1 unit) and CWE 186 or 188 PLGL (1-4 units).

Counseling Resources

Pathway to Law School Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/paralegal/pathway/index.php>

Paralegal Studies Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/paralegal/index.php>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php>

California Law Pathways: <https://calawpathways.org/>

Civic Engagement Club, Model United Nations, Political Science Club:

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/campuslife/clubs/list.php>

Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors>

Petition for Certificate of Achievement: Petitions are due in the fall/spring/summer term you will complete the requirements and may be submitted before your last term or up until the final day of the term. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here:

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/admissions/records/forms.php>

Career Resources

California Career Zone: www.cacareerzone.org

O*Net Online: www.onetonline.org

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

Professional Associations:

LA Bar Association - <https://www.lacba.org/>

California Bar Association - <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/>

American Bar Association: <https://www.americanbar.org/>